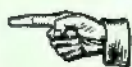


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NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL'S NEUMAN

I'm glad to see Alfred finally got his award (Safety's Man Of The Year), in the cause that either safeguards or vexes all of us; i.e. the 55 speed limit and "child-proof" medicine bottles!

Edward F. Geis
Chesapeake, Va.

INVASION OF THE BOOTY SNATCHERS

Drucker and Hart's "Booty Snatchers" made my Venus flytrap barf! That's more than it did when I took it to see the movie.

David Green
San Juan Capistrano,
California

"Invasion Of The Booty Snatchers" really grew on me!

Phil Kopp
Seattle, Wash.

I was very pleased to see the reference to the Burpee Seed Company on the Lima "Pod" in your satire, "Invasion Of The Booty Snatchers." It is encouraging to know that Alfred E. Neuman and friends not only know something about humor, but also gardening. I am not sure that Burpee breeders have quite yet developed a Lima plant that produces humans, but with some MAD inspiration, who knows what could happen!

W. Atlee Burpee IV
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Santa Paula, Calif.

Tell Drucker and Hart that podding was such sweet sorrow!

Keith Pevey
Houston, Texas

KUDOS FROM WAY OUT FATHER

Since I was ten years old, MAD has been must reading. I am now a Catholic Priest and MAD continues to be must reading for me. Your satires help all of us to see if we really are who we say we are, and to really look at how our lives represent our real values. Keep poking our minds.

Fr. Phil Schmitter
Flint, Michigan

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE KLAN . . .

As both the director and star of "Animal House," we would like to thank MAD Magazine for offending the Ku Klux Klan (Letters Dept., Sept. '79) in your "Abominal House" satire. It is an honor to be associated with any insult to the Klan.

John Landis
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Universal City Studios
Universal City, Calif.

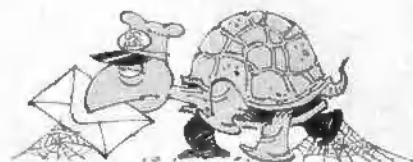
MAD SALUTES THE TURTLE

After reading "The Turtle," by Coker and Porges, I let my Hortense go swimming in my "inexpensive swimming pool." Then I thought, "Hey! Why don't I give her a whirlpool bath!" And you know something? I haven't seen the ungrateful critter since!

James Ganzer
New Britain, Conn.

I enjoyed your salute to "The Turtle" but Porges and Coker forgot to mention that turtles can be used as mail carriers by the U.S. Postal Service.

Brandon Hunt
Malibu, Calif.



Coker's turtle drawings are truly expressive. My turtle has a subscription to MAD himself and the other day I caught him swimming in his new-found "turtle swimming pool!"

Carol Spizman
Los Angeles,
California

Now that you have elevated "The Turtle," how about giving snails equal time?

Matthew K. Walt
Indianapolis, Ind.

THE GAME OF THE NAME



I'd like to share an intriguing pastime with your readers: trying to guess the title of Dave Berg's "The Lighter Side Of . . ." by reading the article, starting on the last page. It's a lot trickier than you might think. It's fun to see how many panels it takes to guess it right, or who among your friends can guess it first. As a college math teacher, I find it a challenging recreation.

Bill Leonard
Berkeley, Calif.

It's also much funnier that way!—Ed.

MAD ASSORTMENT OF EXPOSED JOCKS

Judging by Paul Peter Porges's blundering "Exposed Jocks," the locker-room insurance premiums must far exceed the annual gate receipts.

Charles Poggi
Hoboken, N.J.

A MUSICAL COMEDY

I thought you might like to add this to whatever "museum" you have about MAD Magazine. It happened during a Commencement, and the culprit is my son, Sheldon Granor.

Marie Granor
Dresher, Pa.

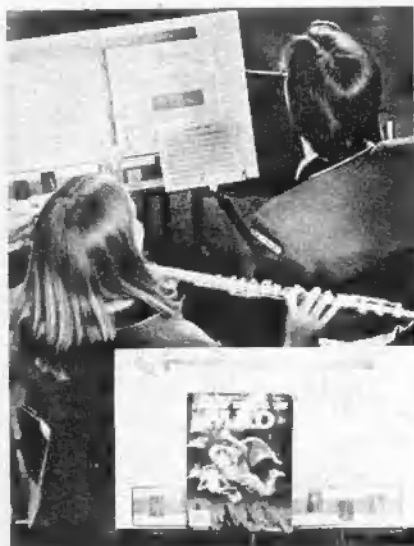


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THE DISCO MAN

Considering I just studied Alfred Noyes's "The Highwayman" in school, I thoroughly enjoyed Tom Koch and Don Martin's "The Disco Man." Tom and Don put pepper in the Salsa beat.

Matthew Hendley
Waterloo, Canada

SHMORK & WINDY

Tonight I watched "Mork & Mindy" on TV and then turned to your TV satire. Presto! Instant replay! However, I think you missed the perfect cover. Mainly, Mork with Alfred's face, saying, "Shazbat ... me worry?"

Lois Aleta Fundis
Weirton, West Virginia

What you did to Robin Williams in "Shmork & Windy" was absolutely inhuman. Luckily, so is Mork.

Michael Webster
Tucson, Arizona

I think your "Shmork & Windy" stinks! Mork & Mindy is a funny comedy and you have no right to make fun of shows like that.

Michelle Wall
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

RICKARD'S "HEAVY" MINI-POSTER

Rickard's back cover presentiment, the Presidential pickaback, now sadly shapes up as a "fond" farewell to the Chief. Oh, the heat in that White House kitchen!

Joe Capitani
Rutherford, N.J.

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Which sounds better? "255 die in plane crash!"... "137 die in plane crash!" Or "14 die in plane crash!"?

I think "137 die in plane crash!" 255 is too high! It might ruin people's dinner! And 14 is too low! No one will care!

How can you **MAKE UP** news headlines like that?

We're members of the **WRITER'S GUILD!** We're paid to be creative!

Honey, I need help fast! The phone at the Weather Bureau is busy, and I have to make my forecast in three minutes! Can you look out the window for me?

Er... does anybody know when we're going to finish shooting this last scene?

Yeah! We've been waiting around here a long time!

Good Heavens! Didn't anyone tell you?? They wrapped up "NETWORK" three years ago! Go home! **GO HOME!**



Attention! One minute to air!

We're opening with the Clowns, cutting to the Marching Band, then dissolving to the Hot Dog Eating Contest... right?

Right! Boy, directing a "News Show" is really tough!!

Hey, this is Kiddinglly Welts! I can't go on at the top of the show! My cameraman went to the bathroom, and he took his Mini-Cam with him!

We know!! And the jerk left it on!! No matter what—don't ANYBODY cut to that remote Mini-Cam camera!!

CAM 2

CAM 3

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MGT DRUCKER

The China Sin-Dome

Okay, cue Kiddingly!!

Hi! This is Kiddingly Welts ... with today's "CALIFORNIA SWEET"...

... a bit of very light news designed to take your mind off all the sadness in the world ... by making you think of all the NAUSEA you'll get as you watch this segment!

... so if you want to send a special telegram to someone, "Lively Wires" has the answer! Its service is very different from Western Union in TWO ways! First, they SING the telegram! And second, they ACTUALLY DELIVER the message! Not only does "Lively Wires" have "SING-GRAMS," they also have "DANCE-GRAMS," GIFT-GRAMS" and for people you hate ... "BOMB-GRAMS"!

Okay, everybody, let's pack it up! We have to get right over to the Banana Nuclear Plant to film our Energy Special!

Miss Welts? I have this FLOWER DELIVERY for you! That'll be \$10.00!

I owe YOU \$10.00!?

That's right! It's a "C.O.D.-GRAM"!



ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

WRITER: DICK DE BARTOLO

Hellol I'm Bull Glib ... the Public Relations man for C.G.&E.!

C.G.&E.? Is that "California Gas & Electric?"

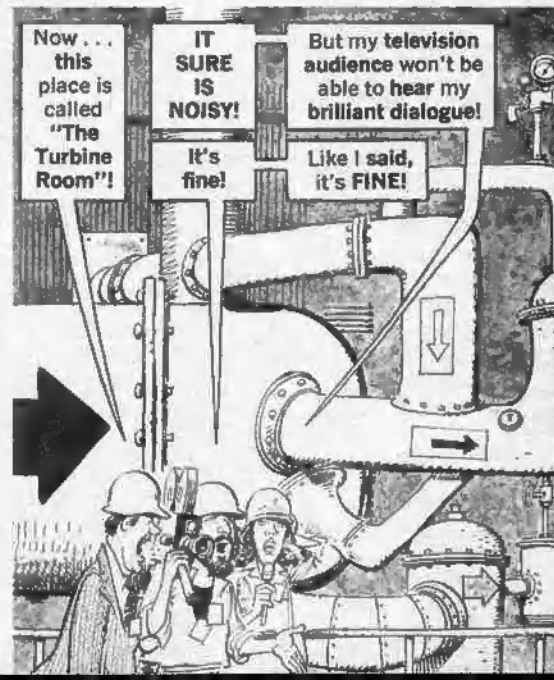
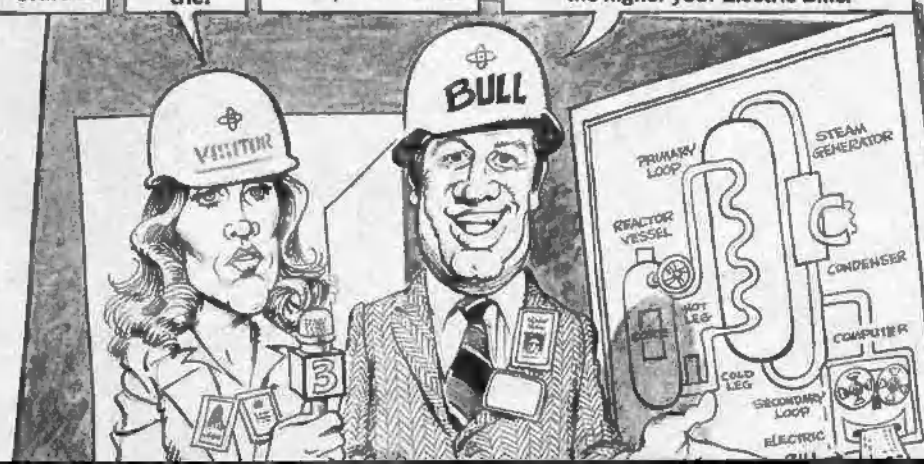
Yeah, but around here, we jokingly refer to it as "California Gouging and Embezzlement"! Now let me show you how nuclear power works!

A nuclear chain reaction produces heat, the heat produces steam, the steam turns the turbine, the turbine rotates the generator, the generator powers the computer, and the computer sends out your Electric Bills! So, the faster we turn the turbine, the higher your Electric Bills!

Now ... this place is called "The Turbine Room"!

IT SURE IS NOISY! It's fine!

But my television audience won't be able to hear my brilliant dialogue! Like I said, it's FINE!



Now, down there is the Control Room ... but I'm afraid you cannot photograph it for security reasons!

What kind of security reasons?

If people on the outside see how casually we run this plant, they'll lose their **SECURE FEELINGS** about nuclear power!



What was that?

That vibration!

Then why is that **ALARM** sounding??

Oh ... that's our "**Nothing Alarm!**" it sounds when **NOTHING** goes **WRONG!!**

What was **WHAT...**?

Forget it! It was nothing!



We've got a turbine "**trip!**" Take it off the line and stabilize the reactor!

This gauge says we have **TOO MUCH** water in the core!

Don't panic! We've got a **second gauge!**

The second gauge says we have **TOO LITTLE** water in the core!

That, men, is the reason we have **THREE** gauges! What does the third gauge say...?

The third gauge is **BROKEN!!**

Damn! If someone would've thought about having **FOUR** gauges, we wouldn't be in the mess we're in right now!



Goetell, it's Bull Gibbs ... up on the Visitors' Gallery! I have some folks from TV Channel 3 with me! They want to know what's going **ON** down there!

Just a routine turbine "**trip!**" Nothing to worry about! But ... if you want to feel **totally safe**, just step back a little!

How far back?

Arizona should do it!



There goes **ANOTHER ALARM!** Are you **SURE** we're not in any danger???

Look for yourself! Are those people panicking?

No ... they're too busy **BARFING** to panic!

I swear ... this is **NOT** an emergency! This is all routine! It is **NOT** serious!

ATTENTION! THIS IS AN EMERGENCY! THIS IS NOT ROUTINE! IT IS SERIOUS!

Boy ... just give a guy a microphone, and right away, he starts ad-libbing!

We've got too much pressure building up! Open valves 7 and 8!!

You can't do that! Why not?!

Because it could leak and cause a nuclear explosion ... it could contaminate the earth for ten miles around ... and besides, it's almost **QUITTING TIME!**





We've got to-night's lead! Adamant shot film of an actual nuclear accident and no one knows we have it!

Too bad we can't use it! It's totally irresponsible to go on the air without all the facts!

But if we don't use this film, we don't have a LEAD STORY!

That's no problem! I'll make one up! Let's see . . . "Nursery Burns To The Ground! Sixteen Infants Perish!" Or how about "Tornado Hits Old Age Home!"

Boy . . . look who's talking "irresponsible!!!"

NEWS

Mr. Sonovitch! I want to do stories with more meat in them! Like today, all I got to do was go to the zoo and cover a lion's birthday party!

Don't worry, Kidding! Tomorrow, we've got an assignment for you that's meaty and weighty and religious! You're going BACK to the zoo and cover an elephant's bar mitzvah!

Spineless, after the turbine "trip," did you feel a secondary vibration?

Yeah! It was my stomach! I was scared witless!

I SWEAR there was a secondary vibration! Why doesn't this sensitive Vibration Recorder tape SHOW IT?!!

Because, for some odd reason, at the very second you claim you felt a secondary vibration, the Recorder needle fell off the machine!

I'm worried about this investigation! The experts from the Atomic Energy Agency are really digging deep! They even asked me my home phone number!

Don't worry! You'll come out just fine!

That's easy for YOU to say! You're an engineer and an ex-Navy man! I'm just an ordinary worker! I didn't even know till today this is a NUCLEAR Power Plant!

DO NOT ENTER INVESTIGATION GOING ON

You can stop worrying and go home now, Spineless! The investigation is over! I don't think they want to see you . . . !

Oh . . . ? How come?

I told them exactly what happened . . . and they all FAINTED!

You better find your cameraman, Adamant! He stole the film of the nuclear power plant accident out of the film vault!

WHAT?! How did he get into the vault?

The vault is NEVER locked! Who ever heard of a Network Executive with brains enough to remember a combination to a safe?!!

Hi! Won't you join me?

Well, this IS a coincidence! That I work at the power plant?

That out of all the bars in California, I pick the same one you're in!

BAR

EXIT

DUKE

LUKE

JOE

DOWN WITH SOLAR ENERGY

Why is everyone so happy?

The investigation is over!

Already??

Yeah! They found the problem! It was a stuck relay!

That's all??

And a busted safety valve!

That's all??

And some defective gauges, and a few leaks, and several—

I'm glad I spoke to you! Before, I was just worried! Now... I'm **PANIC-STRICKEN!!**

Er—we found another little leak, Goetell!

Then we'll have to take the whole reactor apart!

That'll take three weeks! We want this plant back on the line by tomorrow!!

What are we going to use to fix the leak? **Scotch Tape?**

Are you kidding?! **Scotch Tape** is **TOO FLIMSY** to fix a leak!!

I **KNOW!!** We'll use **FREEZER TAPE!**

NUKES KILL LESS PEOPLE THAN WARS

Someone told me you were here, Adamant! Now, where's that film?!!

Just hold on! This is **Dr. Korsin**, a **Physics Professor**... and this is **Frank Adduci**, a **nuclear power expert!**

I'm really no one special! But I just **LOVE "Sneak Previews!"**

We've looked at that film, Kiddingly, and I must say, you're **LUCKY** to be **ALIVE!**

You mean... the "accident" at the plant was that bad?

I mean if the **EXECS** at **C.G.&E.** knew you shot that film, they'd **KILL** you!

Dr. Korsin says they almost uncovered the "**core!**" If they **HAD**, it would've started a radiation leak that would've dug its way to **China!**

Is that why it's called "**The China Sin-Dome?**"

Partly that... but mostly it's the shoddy way they operate the reactor under the **DOME** that's **REALLY** a **SIN!**

Can anything be done to prevent "**The China Sin-Dome?**"

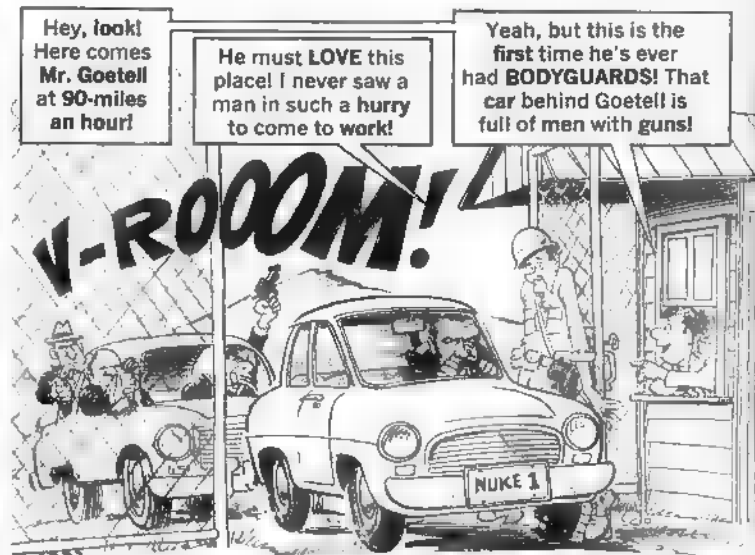
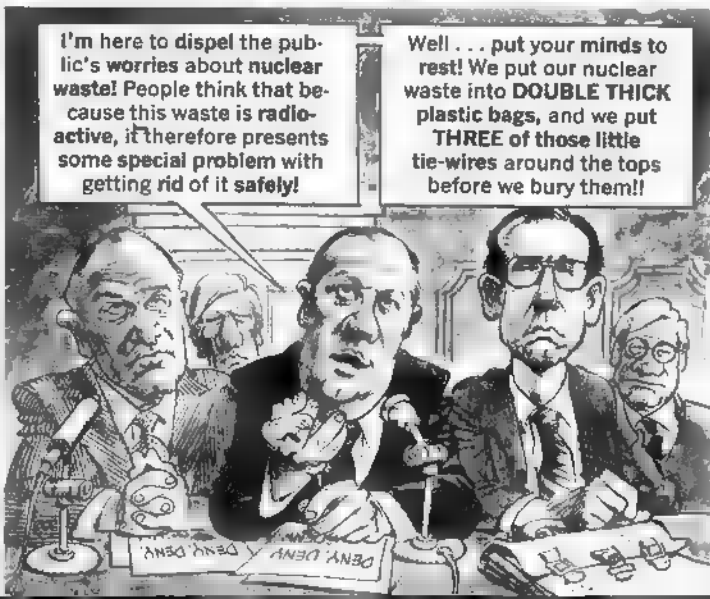
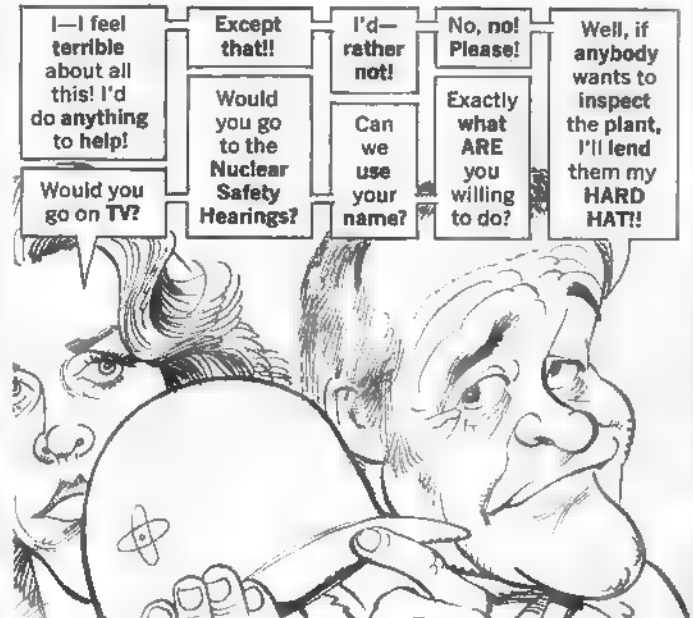
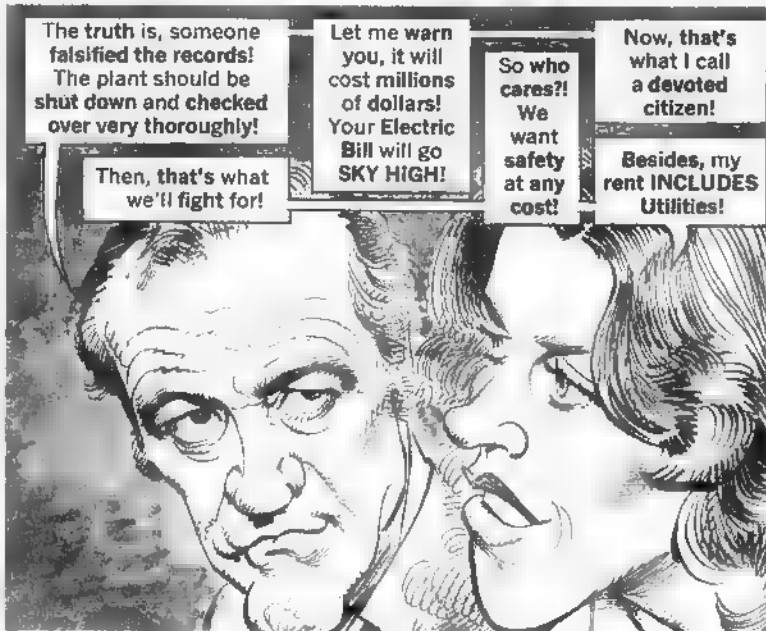
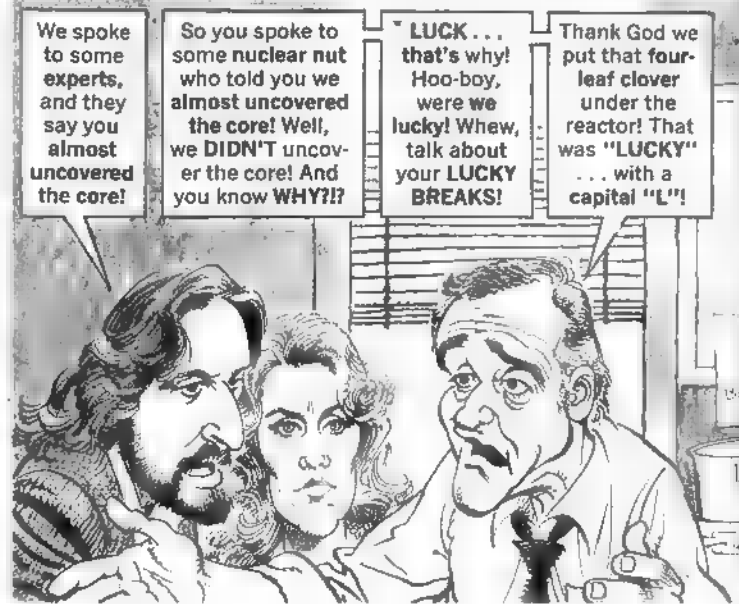
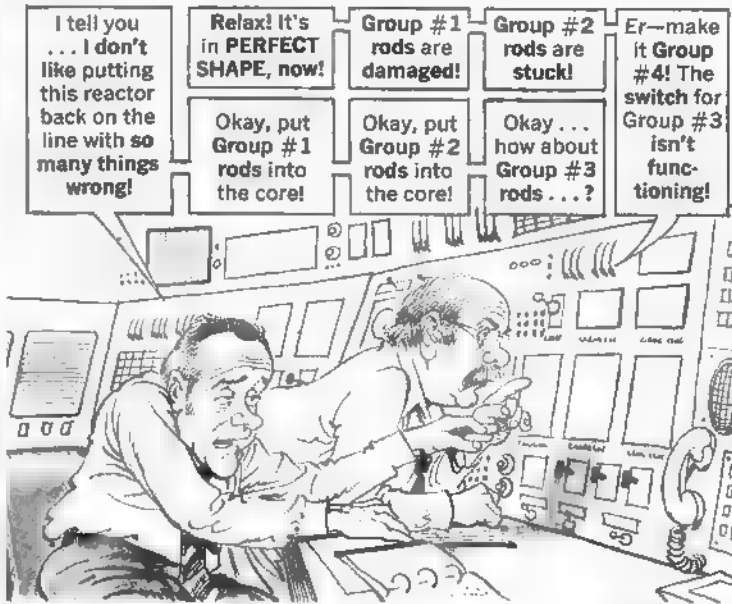
The **Utility Companies** have all chipped in for a **GIANT BUCKET** to give to **China** to put under the leak, but I don't feel it's enough!

These weld X-rays are all the same! You shot the same weld over and over. See how the word "**FOTOMAT**" is identical on every one of them?

Don't worry! We're gonna fix everything!

You're going to fix those welds?

No, we're gonna fix your ass! After 'im, boys!!



What's going ON here! I TOLD you you can't put this plant back on the line! I mean, listen to ■ It sounds awful! It's moaning and groaning! How much power is ■ up to?!!

About 11%! 11%?! At this rate, it'll fall apart at 20%!!

No problem! We're not going to run it at 20%! We're going to run it at 100%!!



Okay ... everybody OUT!! I'm taking over!

And I warn you! Don't monkey around with the security system, or I'll flood the place ... and do a LOT of damage!

Big deal! There's so much damage NOW, what's a little MORE?!!



You phoned for me ... ?

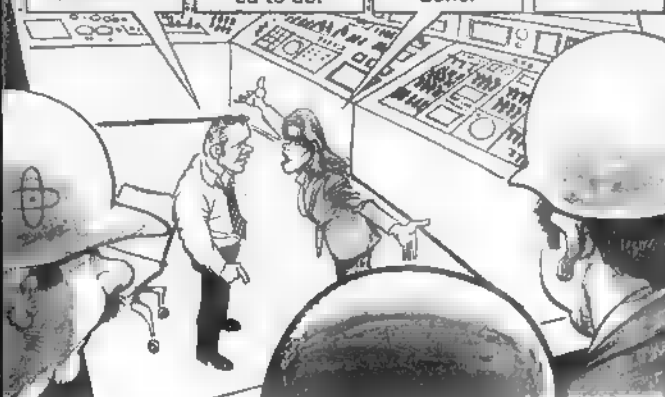
I CAN'T!!

I know!! But—my HAIR! It's ALL WRONG! I've got to have my HAIR done!

I've got to have a "serious styling" ... so the American public will believe me!

Why not ... ?! This ■ the HARD NEWS STORY you always wanted to do!

You're going to interview me on television, right from here!!



Don't let that idiot get on the air and talk! Do you hear me?!

We're trying to re-wire the circuits so we can get into the Control Room! But the wiring in this building is exceptionally complicated!

Well ... ? How's it going??

So far, not well! We've got nuclear waste coming out of the coke machines, and when you pick up the telephone, all the lights in Van Nuys go out! But we're working on it ... !



Our TV cameras are hooked up, and you'll be going on the air in a few minutes! The Network just has to wait for another important program to be over!

The President Of The United States?

No ... "Bowling For Dollars"!

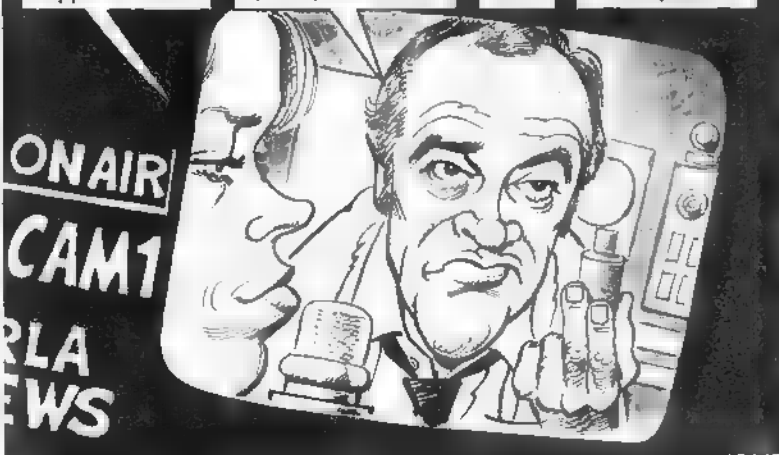


Okay, we're on the air! Now—Mr. Goetell ... would you explain to our viewers what's happened here?

Well, see ... this relay ... no, this defective valve ... uh ... this stuck petcock ... er ... there was this second vibration—

I ... I'm afraid I just can't go on!

For someone as TECHNICAL-MINDED as me, this accident was just TOO DAMN SIMPLE to explain!!



Oh, my God!! There goes the **ALARM** again!!

And the generator is tearing loose from its base!!

And here comes a **SWAT Team** ... smashing through the locked doors with their guns blazing ...!!

We'll be back with **MORE** live action in a moment!

But first, these important messages from our sponsors!

My God!! He's **DEAD!!** They **SHOT GOETELL!!**

Who'd believe that **C.G.&E.** would let things go this far!!

You folks who are two or three months **BEHIND** on paying your **Electric Bills** ... maybe we better show you that shooting again in **slow motion!!**



I really don't know what all the commotion's about!

You **DON'T??** An employee is shot!! A reactor falls apart! A reactor core is almost uncovered! News is withheld from the public!

But these things happen **EVERY DAY** at a nuclear power plant! I wish the Press wouldn't make such a **BIG DEAL** out of some routine problems!

Folks, I have a prepared statement to read ...! "At **NO TIME** was this nuclear power plant in danger!"

Okay ... the **PLANT** was never in danger! But what about the **PEOPLE??**

Like I said ... the **PLANT** was never in danger! Now, if you want to talk to any **C.G.&E.** Executives personally, you can phone them at the **Golden Lei Hotel!**

The **Golden Lei Hotel??** That's in **HAWAII!!** Why are they in **Hawaii??**

Because it was just impossible to get airline tickets to **EUROPE** on such short notice!!



Folks, this is one of Mr. Goetell's best friends ...

People here are saying that Jack Goetell was a **fooney!** **WAS** he in fact a **looney?**

Definitely not! Weird—maybe! Sick—a touch! Off the wall—perhaps! Bonkers—a bit! Crazy—

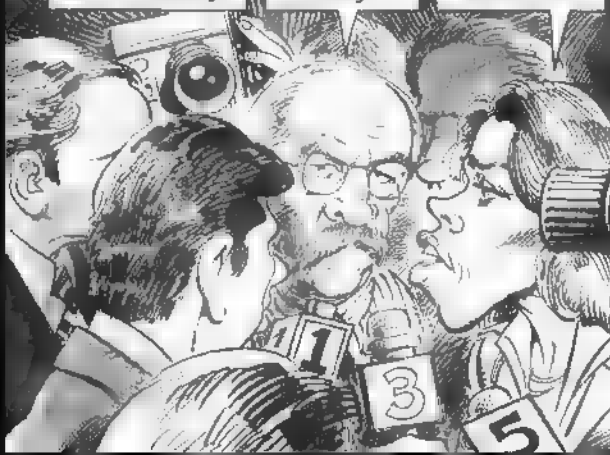
Well, folks, if this is one of Jack Goetell's **BEST FRIENDS**, it's no wonder he wasn't shot a lot earlier than this!!

Kiddingly, you did such a fantastic job on the Reactor Mishap story, we've bought you something to show you our appreciation!

No more covering an assignment in that little Jeep! The station has bought you your own fully-equipped **Mobile TV Studio** ... with its own power supply!

That's wonderful, Mr. Sonovitch—but with the gas shortage, is it a wise investment?? It must burn a ton of gasoline!

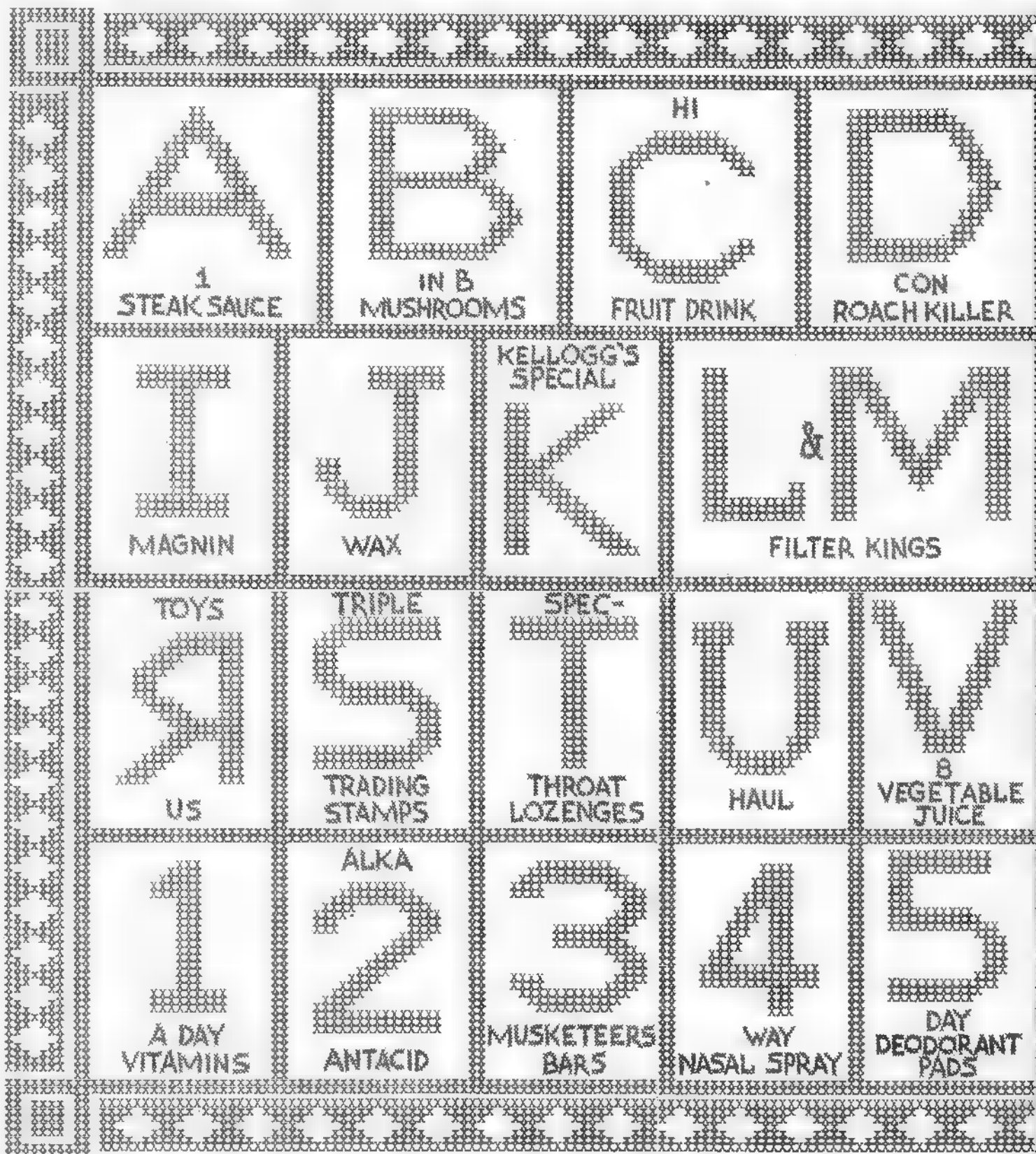
That's the best part! The van is **NUCLEAR POWERED!**





Hey, there, all you ulcerated and unnerved Madison Avenue executives! Here is our alternative to basket-weaving and bead-stringing: mainly our easy-to-follow pattern for...

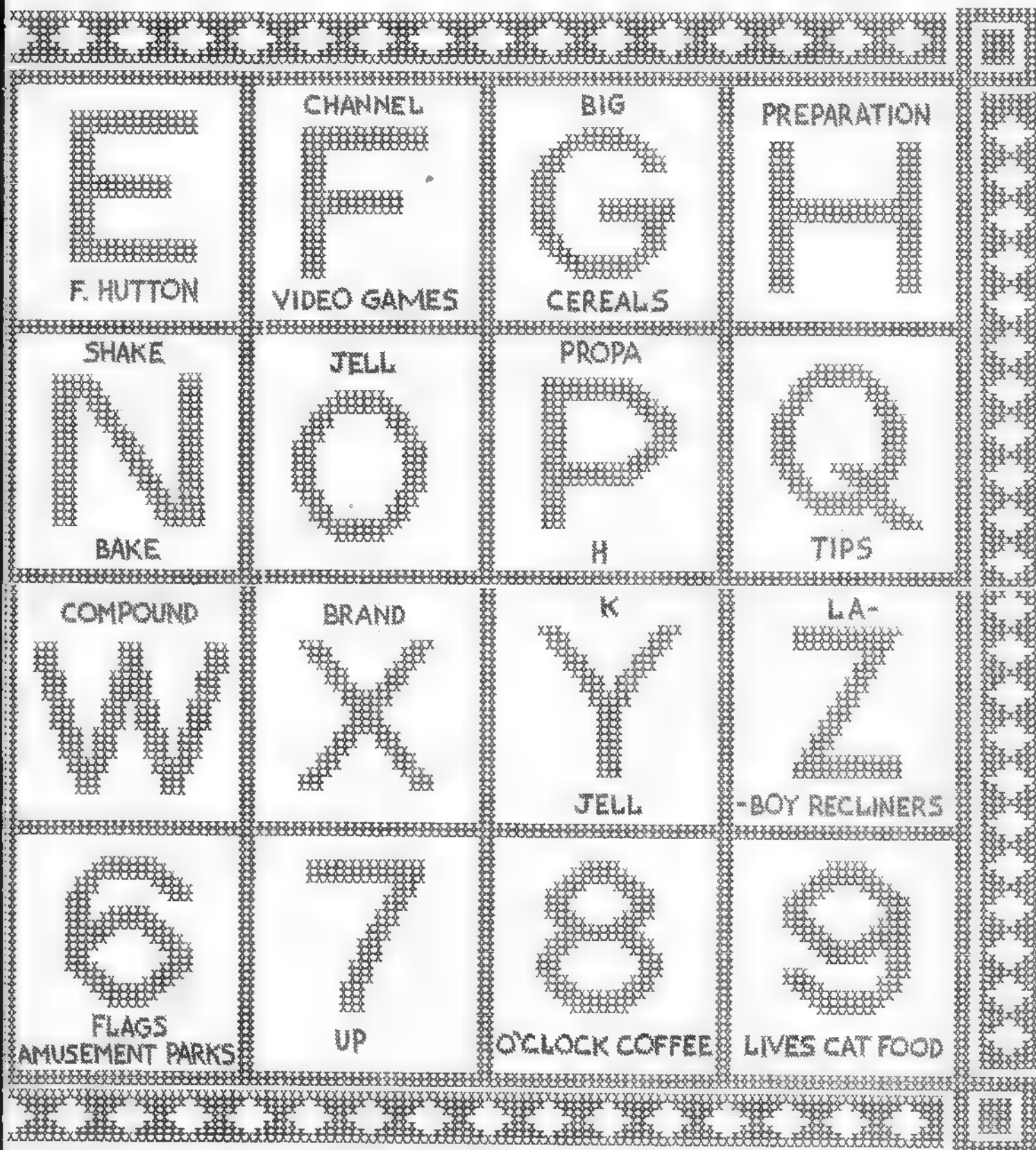
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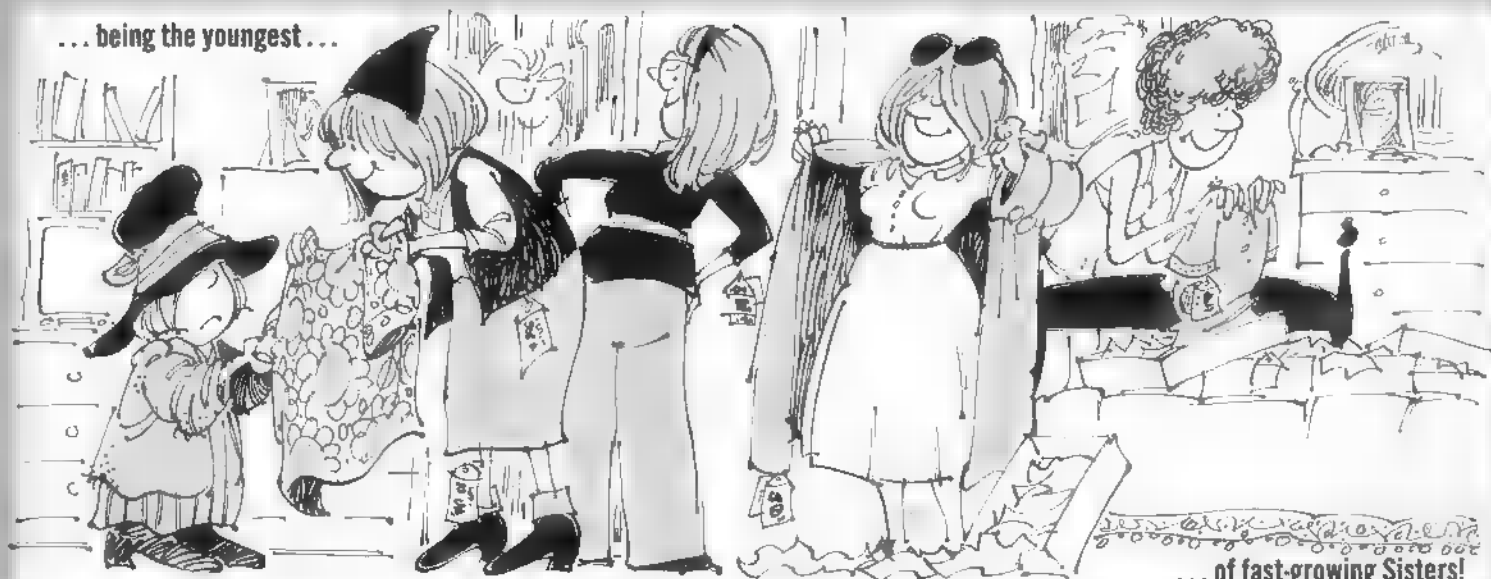


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ARTIST & WRITER: HENRY CLARK

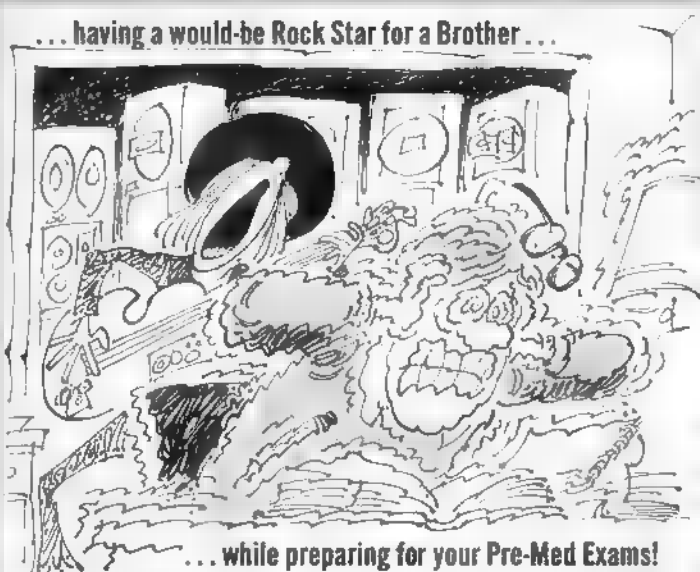


... being the youngest ...



... of fast-growing Sisters!

... having a would-be Rock Star for a Brother ...



... while preparing for your Pre-Med Exams!

CHILD'S PLAGUE DEPT.

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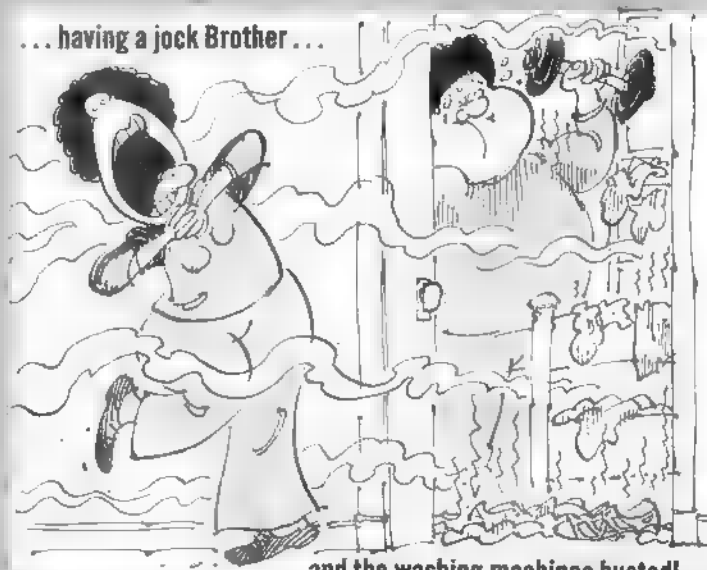
ARTIST: PAUL COKER

... having a 9:30 curfew ...



... while all the others get away with murder!

... having a jock Brother ...



... and the washing-machines busted!

... having an over-weight Sister ...



... who's trying to diet!

... LING ... ERY

WRITER: PAUL PETER FORGES



... being the only Brother ...



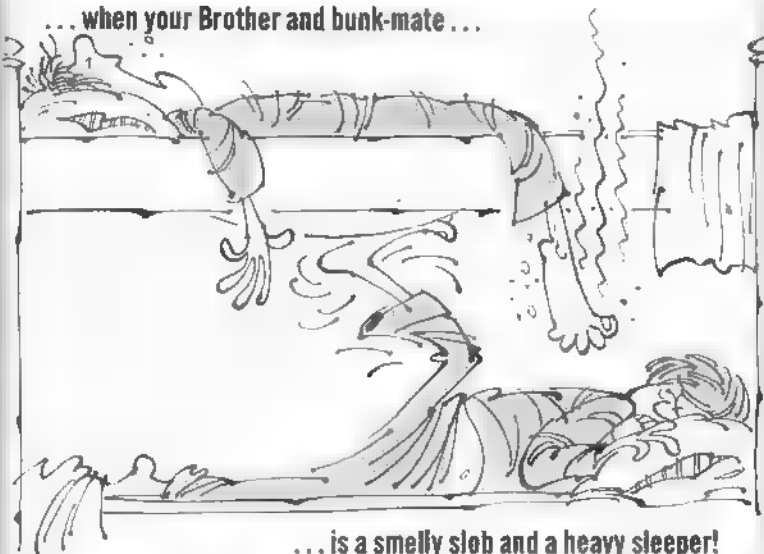
... a beautiful Sister!

... being the big Brother ...



... of a wise-ass!

... when your Brother and bunk-mate ...



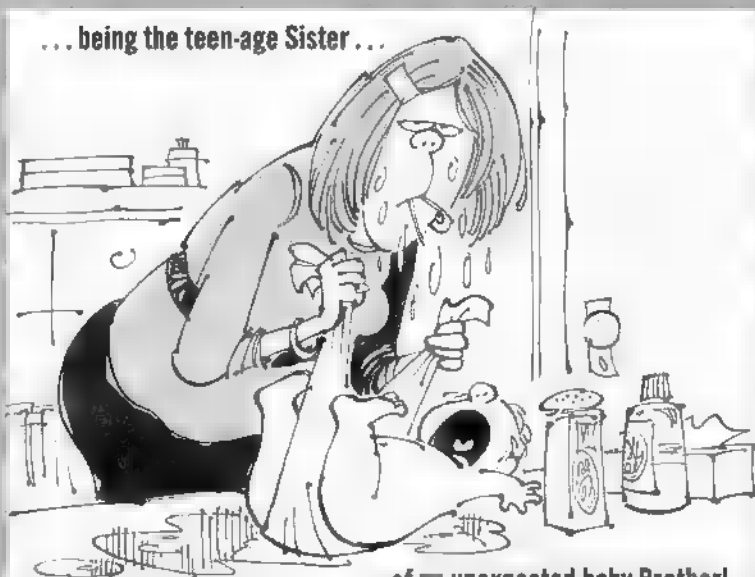
... is a smelly slob and a heavy sleeper!

... when you're the only boy of six ...



... who's not an athlete!

... being the teen-age Sister ...



... of ■ unexpected baby Brother!

... when your big Brother is a lousy dresser ...



... and you have to wear his hand-me-downs!

... having five older Sisters ...



... and only one bathroom!

Why restrict the awarding of medals to the military? After all, Civilians perform heroic acts while fighting life's daily battles as well! Let's recognize them with

THIS ISSUE'S PROPOSED MAD MEDALS

... TO BE PRESENTED TO DESERVING MEDICAL WORKERS

THE FETID
FOOD CITATION



For bravely facing without fear the verbal wrath and physical abuse of hospital patients while courageously producing inedible food so patients won't over-eat and get tummy aches.

THE WINGED
BILL MEDAL



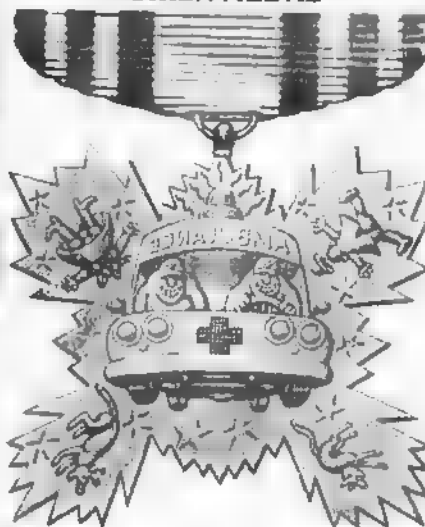
For promptness above and beyond belief in sending out bills so that patients need not suffer the agony of delay in arranging loans, or selling their cars or homes to raise money to pay them.

THE STONE
HEART AWARD



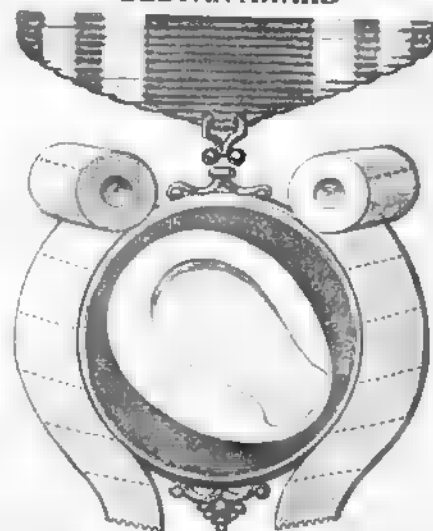
For gallantly treating all patients—regardless of race, color or creed—with equality . . . which means never ever showing favoritism such as being sweet, considerate and understanding.

THE SCREAMING
SIREN MEDAL



For heroically risking life and limb in order ■ race patients to the hospital emergency room, even though the place is hopelessly overcrowded and the patients won't even be looked ■ for eight or nine hours ■ the least.

THE SILVER
BEDPAN AWARD



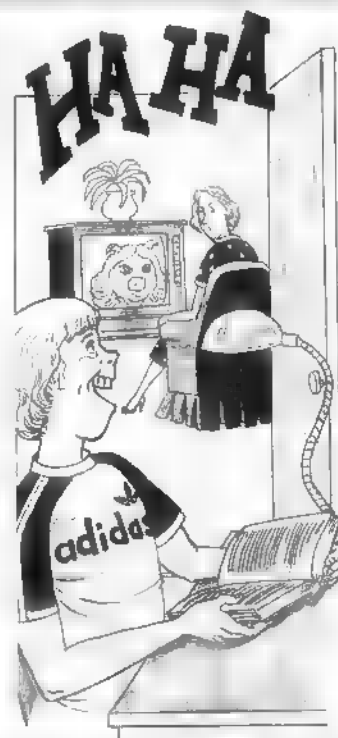
For ignoring the selfish screams of emergency patients while faithfully carrying out the vital job of filling out Blue Cross forms. As many of the patients will die, catering to their whims would ■ a waste of time anyway.





BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF...



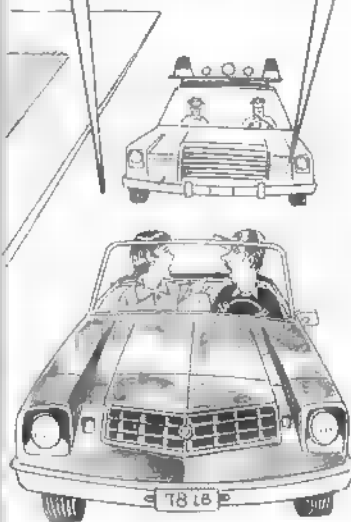
I think that Police Car is following us!

Oh, my God!! What did I do **WRONG?!**

Maybe it's because I **didn't** stop long enough at the "Full Stop" sign!? Or maybe it's because I went through that yellow light?! Whatever it is, I think we're in **BIG TROUBLE!**

I think that unmarked car ahead is watching us!

They're probably **Inspectors!!** They might have observed us taking a **snooze!** Or maybe accepting that **free lunch!** Whatever it is, I think we're in **BIG TROUBLE!**



GUILT

ARTIST & WRITER:
DAVID BERG

I've got a terrible problem! As an old friend, let me cry on your shoulder! Console me . . . !

Of course! What are friends for?!

For years, I've been going to a Head Doctor, trying to get rid of my "Guilt" feelings! Oh, how I suffer! The slightest thing sets me off and I feel guilty!

You poor thing! How long have you been seeing this Doctor?!

Ten years . . .

No kidding?!? Ten years, and you **STILL** haven't resolved your "Guilt" feelings?!?

SHAME ON YOU!!



I feel like an IDIOT!! There isn't a car to be seen in any direction! And yet, here I stand—because that mindless sign says "DON'T WALK!"

Then t'hell with it!! Just GO!!

Okay, you've crossed the street against the sign! Now you don't feel like an idiot any more, right?

Now I feel like a LAWBREAKER!

Right...

I can sure go for a piece of apple pie! I've got such a hunger, my mouth is watering!

Aw, gee! There's only one piece left! I—I can't eat this! I'd feel guilty as hell! What if someone else in the family has the same painful hunger?!

Then that somebody is going to have the same guilt feelings!

You're right!

Oh, you PIG! You ARE eating it after all!!

Why should I let someone ELSE in the family suffer?!!

Chomp!

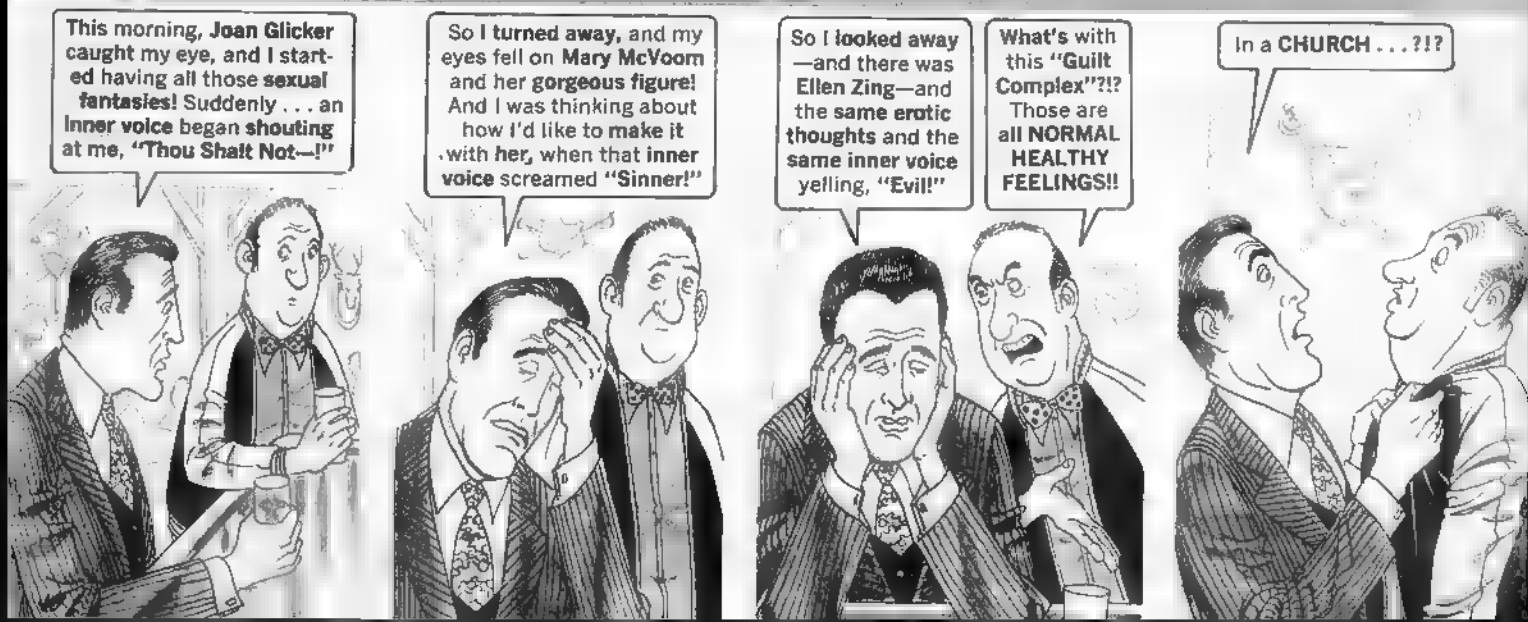
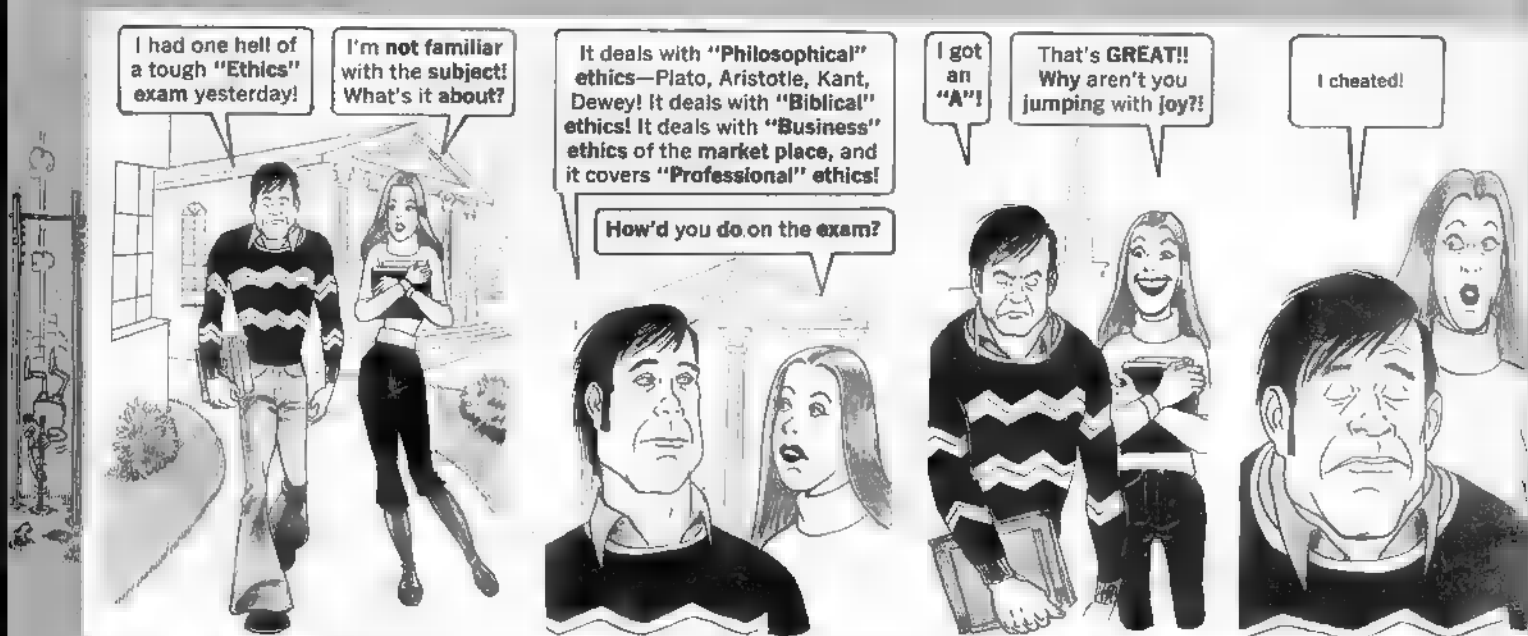
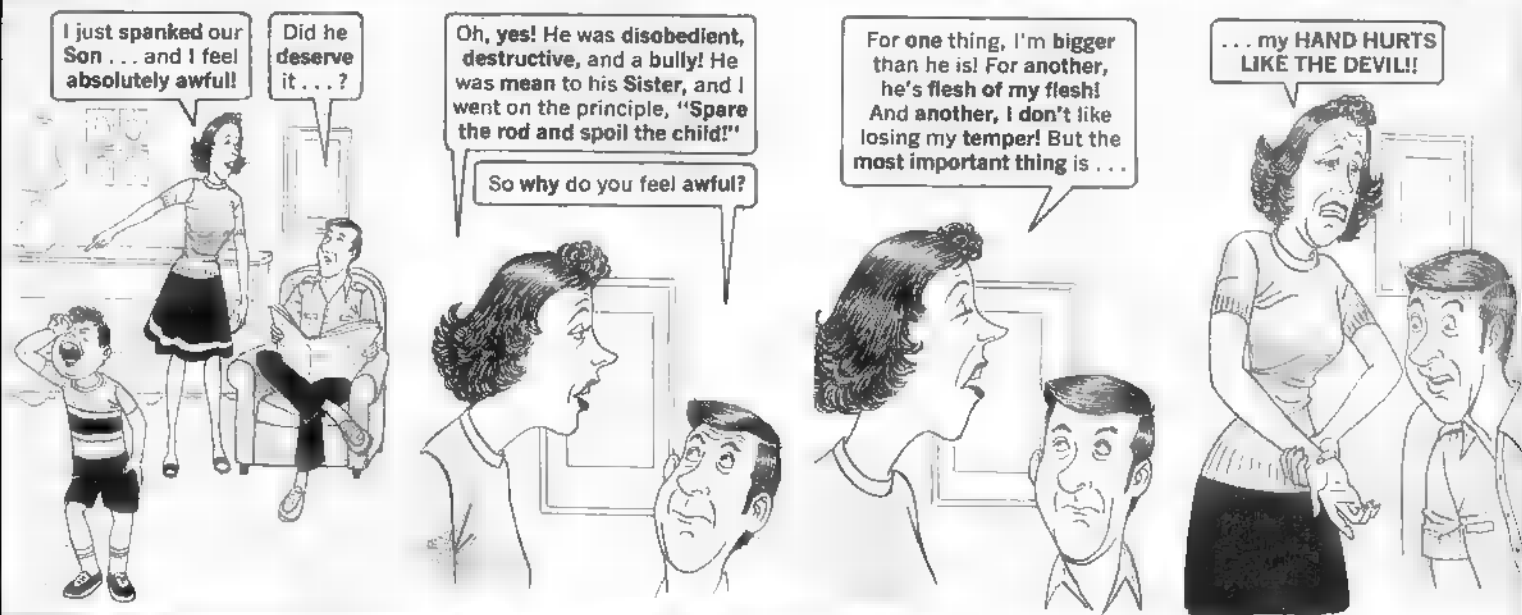
I feel absolutely awful! I keep asking myself, "Is this trip NECESSARY?"!

The whole country is suffering a gas shortage! The price keeps going higher and higher! And still, here I am... driving all over the place!

Do YOU think I'm a dirty rat fink, guilty of wastefulness?

That all depends! WHERE are you driving TO???

I'm trying to find a gas station that has GAS!!



I was demonstrating against Nuclear Power all day—a cause I truly believe in! And yet, I have such twinges of GUILT!!

Why do you feel so strongly against Nukes?

Because RADIATION causes CANCER!!

That sounds like a noble reason! Why do you feel so guilty . . . ??

Because in the six hours I was on the picket line—

—I smoked TWO PACKS OF CIGARETTES!!



There are times when I look at a poor man like that and I get pangs of conscience!

After all . . . I've got wealth . . . and everything that goes with it, while that poor soul has absolutely NOTHING!!

But then there are times when I say, "Why doesn't he go out and get ■ . . . the way I did?!"

INHERIT IT?!!



Oh-oh! I just dented the fender of that car as I was pulling out of the parking space! I think maybe I ought to do something about it . . . !

So DO it! Go back and leave a note. Besides, it happens to be the law!

When you're right, you are right! I'll DO it!

Okay, I DID it!

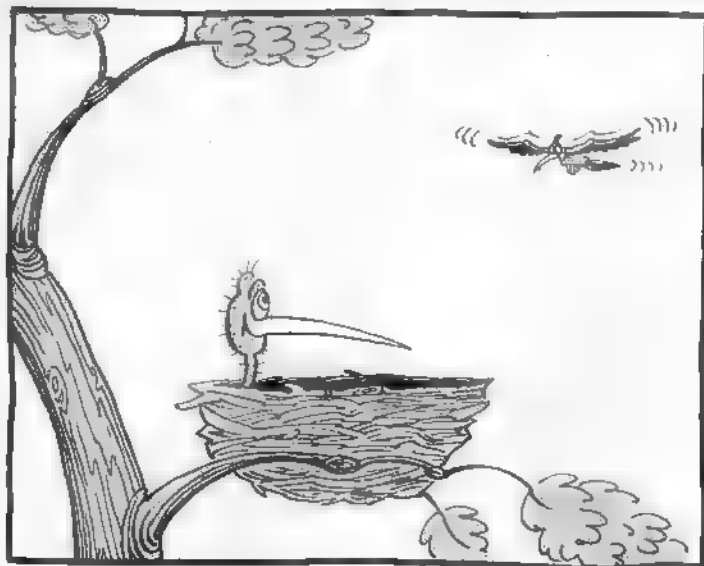
Good for you! What did you write . . . ?

"Sorry!"



David Beré

EARLY ONE MORNING HIGH IN A TREETOP



BYGONE BUY-GONES DEPT.

Despite all the books written about major events in history, we still know very little about the way our ancestors lived their normal, every-day lives. That's because the world didn't have Classified Telephone Directories in the past. And

THE YELLOW PAGE

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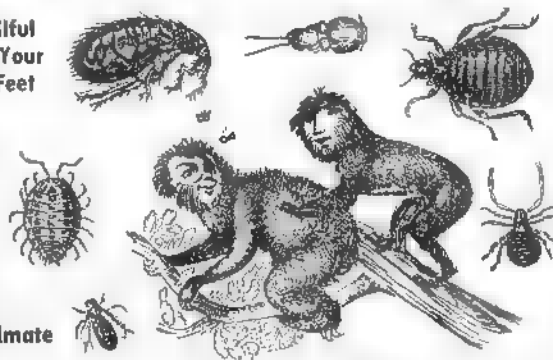
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there's no substitute for reading The Yellow Pages to find out how a community lives and works. So let's suppose the telephones had been invented at the Dawn of Mankind, and phone books appeared a few months later. Here is a MAD look at

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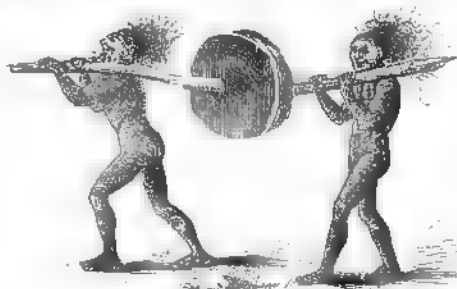
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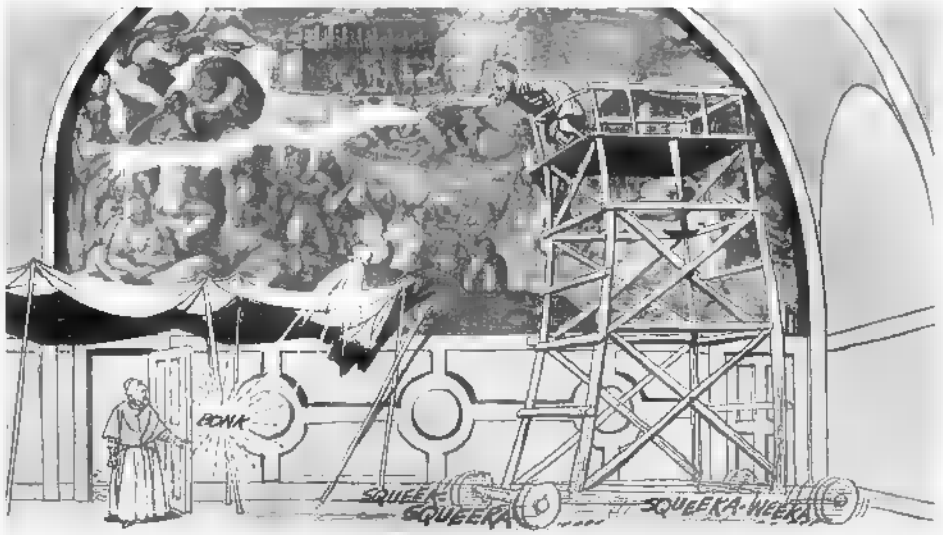
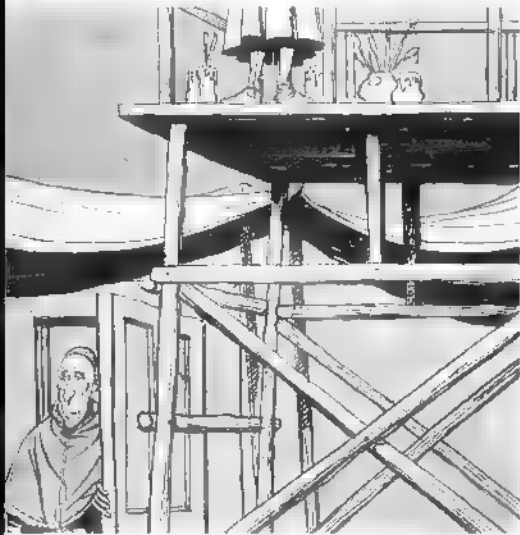
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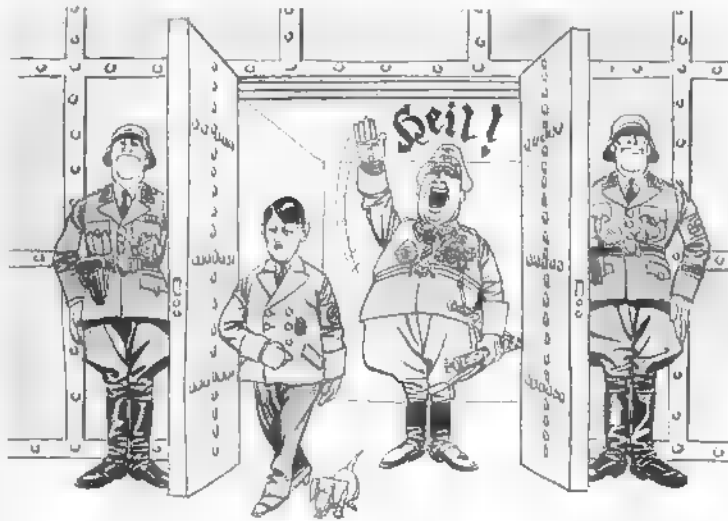
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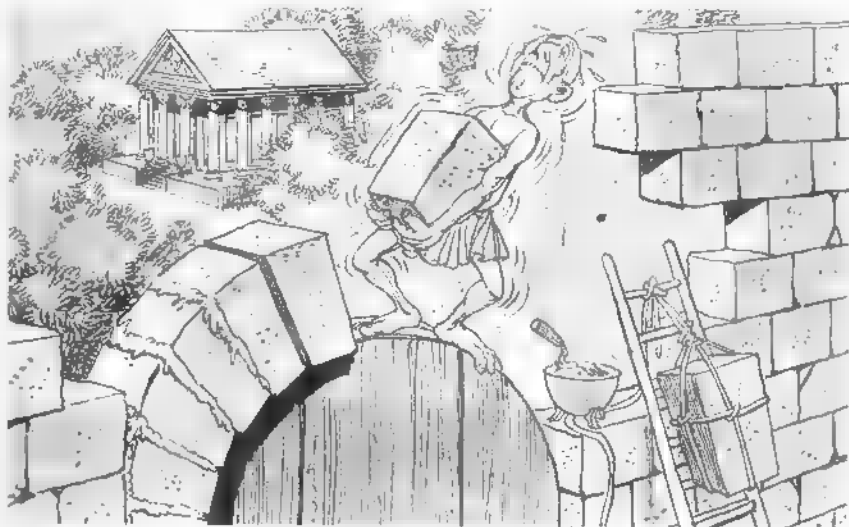
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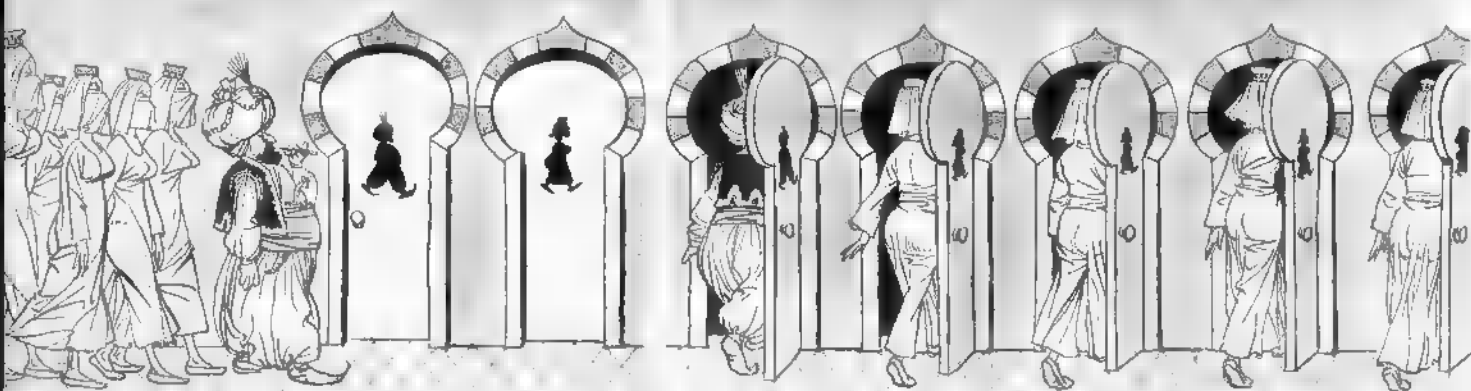
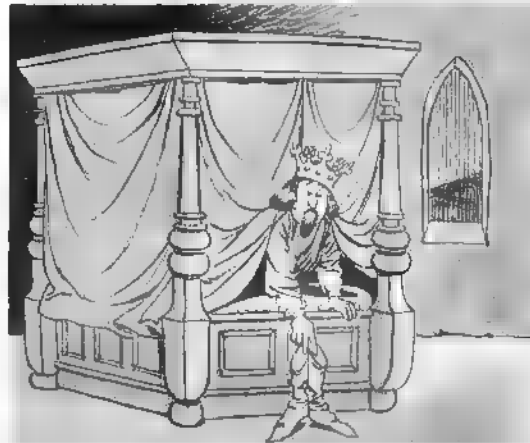
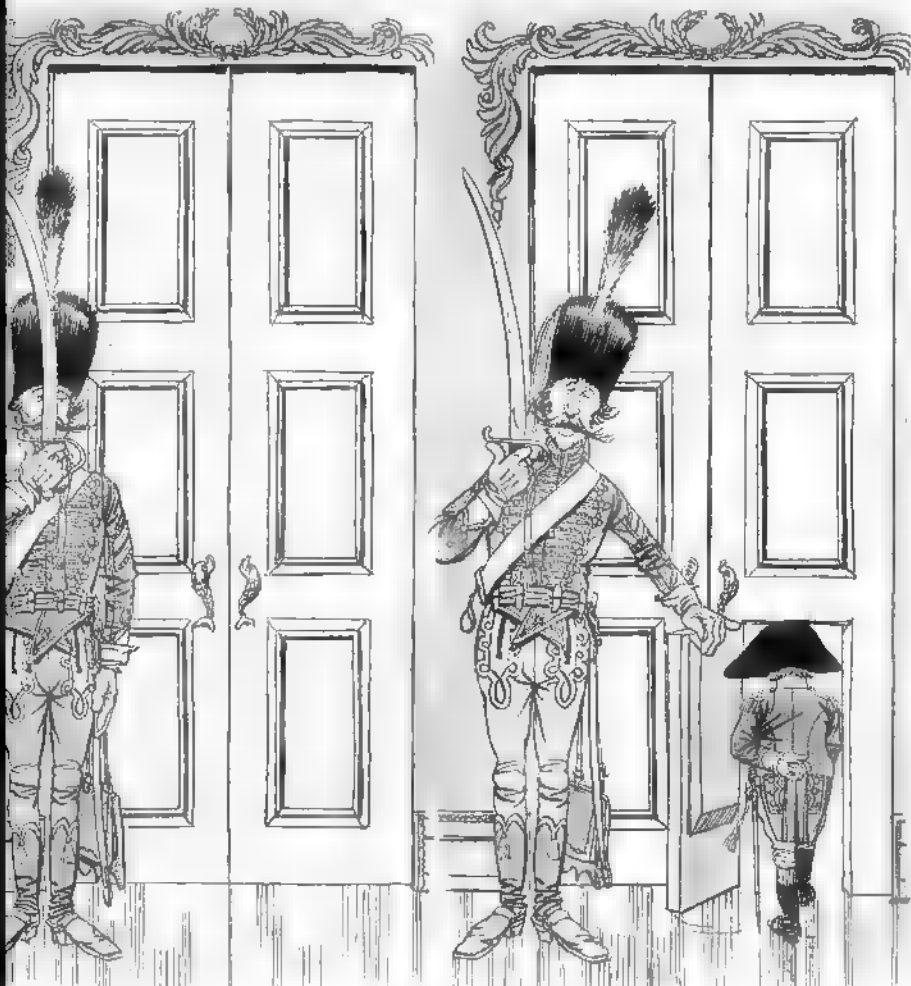
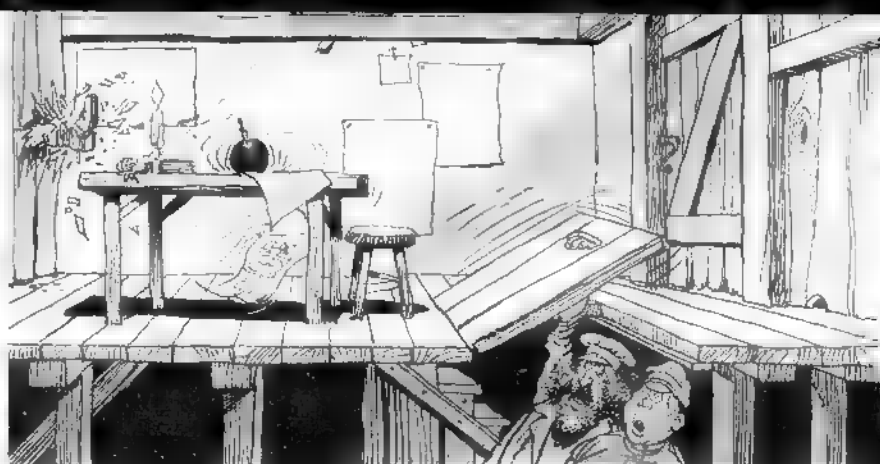


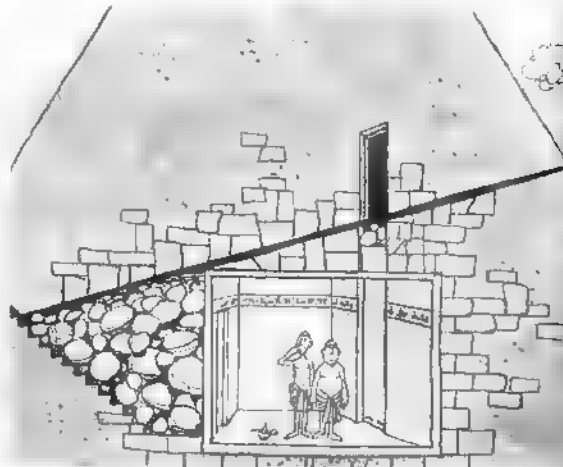
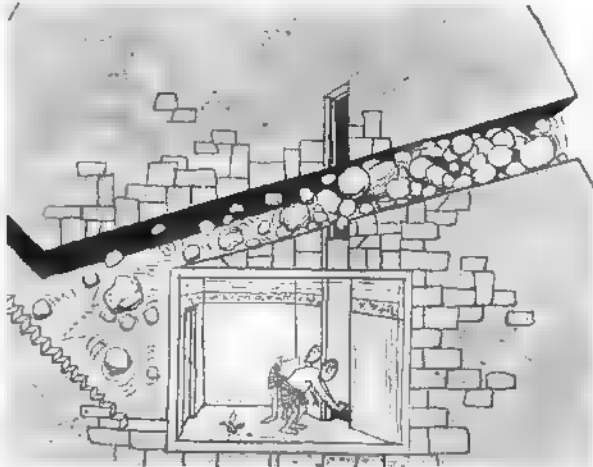
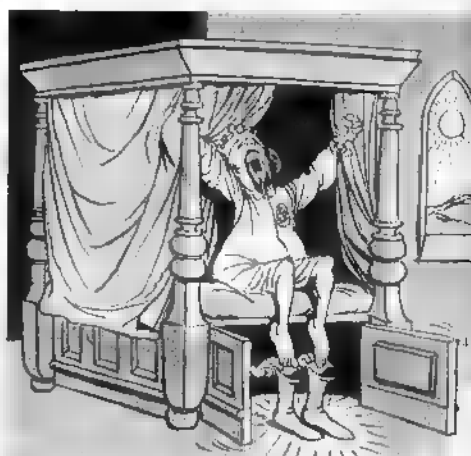
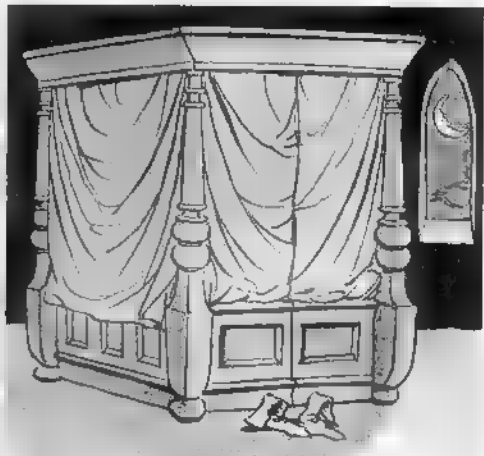
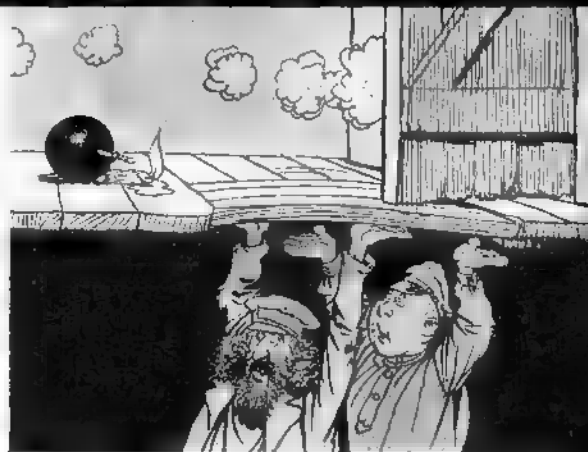
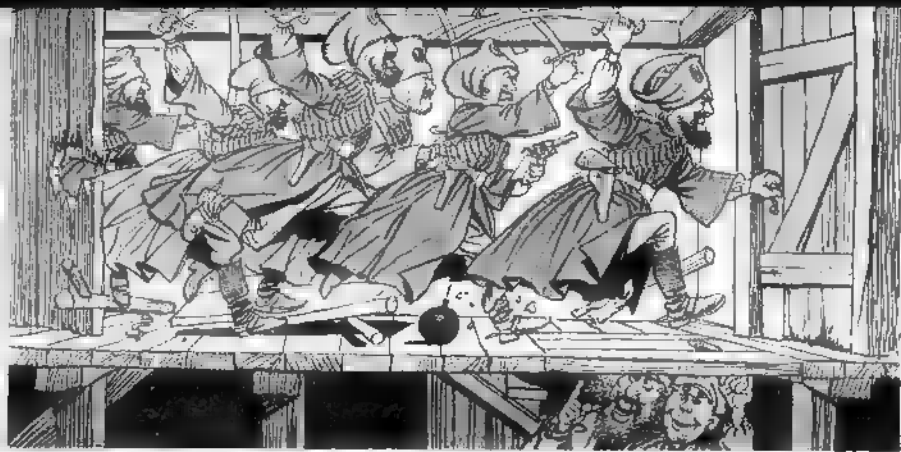
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WRITER: PAUL PETER FORGES







LIB-SCHTICK DEPT.

Remember when this used to be a man's world? And then, something called "Women's Lib" came along, and females took over? Well, they've taken over a lot more than we

realize. Particularly in the entertainment world. It started on TV with "Charlie's Angels," "Police Woman" and a slew of female-oriented shows. Then it made its

When Women Take Over

A MODERN VERSION OF AN OLD GANGSTER FILM

You haven't got a chance, Goldie! Throw down your gun and come out with your hands up!

I'm warnin' you, Coppers! Make one wrong move, and I'll blow my brains out! Then you're gonna have my blood on your hands!

Let ME try talking to her, Chief...

Remember me, Goldie...? Remember two motherless girls, growing up on the Lower East Side? So alike and yet so different...? One became a NUN... and the other turned to crime!

Sure I remember you, Sister! Tell me... where did you go wrong???

Give yourself up, Goldie! Please!!

Stand back, Sister!! Take one more step, and I'll blow my brains out!



ARTIST: HARRY NORTH, ESQ.

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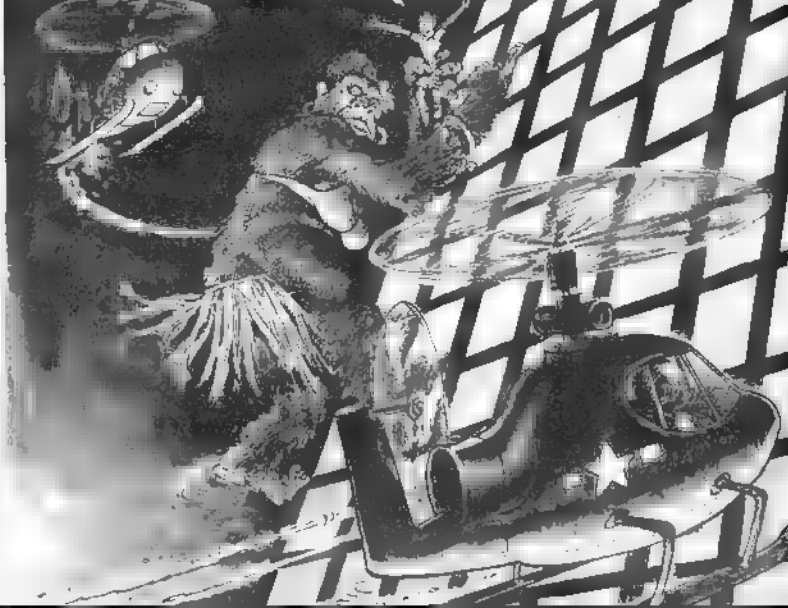
Good Lord! Trapped in the clutches of this horrible monstrous jungle beast! I've got to play my cards right... or I'm DOOMED!

Hi, there, Queen Kong! I want you to know that no matter WHAT they say about you, I have nothing but compassion for you!!

You never WANTED to leave your jungle home, right?? They FORCED you to do it!

They call YOU a savage?!? HAH!! You see the way THEY live?!? All that robbing and mugging and killing?!?

Why, next to THEM, you're an ANGEL!!



way to the big screen with women's films like "Julia" and "Turning Point." Then it really got out of hand with "Coma," which featured a gorgeous young woman who

not only beat ■ on hoods, but performed stunts what would frighten Evel Knievel and Clint Eastwood. Well, if this trend keeps up, here is what might happen...



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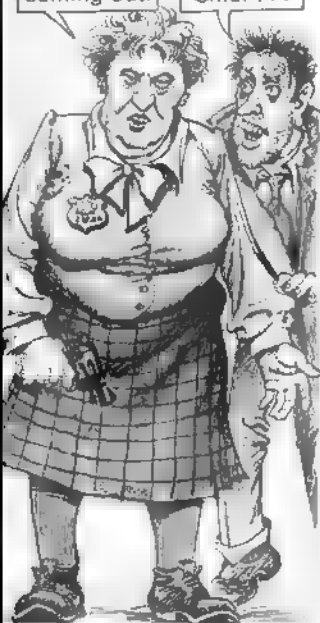
It's no use!
She's not
coming out!

I'll talk
to her,
Chief...

Goldie! It's me!
Herbert! And our
ten kids! Give
yourself up! If
not for YOUR
sake, at least
for OURS! Please
—sob— PLEASE!

Okay, Herbert...
I will! Thank you
for showing me the
light! I've been
such a fool! Life
is really worth
living after all!

Thank you, Goldie! You'll
never regret it! You'll
see! In no time, you'll
be out of jail and back
home... cooking for all
of us and cleaning the
house and shopping and
riding in car pools and—



WRITER: LARRY SIEGEL

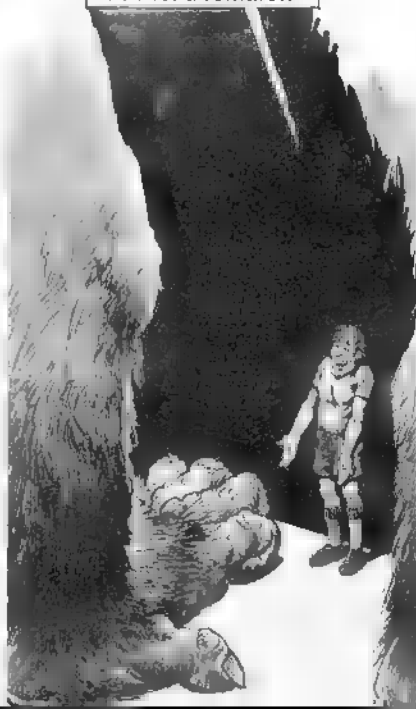


You know what's so
incredible?! That
someone your size
has such style...
and grace! I mean
you move like
poetry in motion!

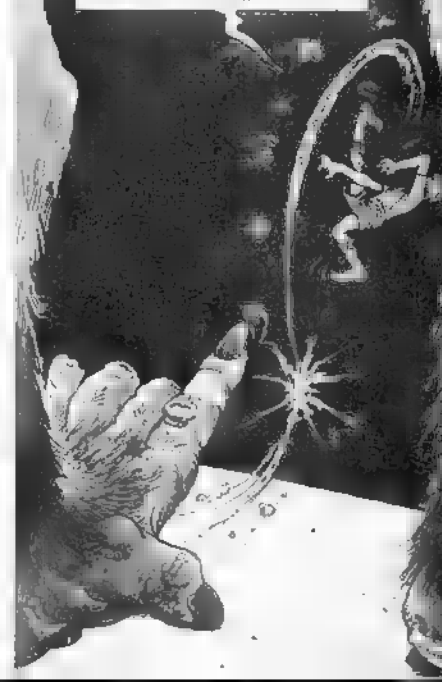
And you know some-
thing else?!? Man,
I mean, the way you
climbed up the side
of this building,
you are **ONE HELL
OF AN ATHLETE...**



... for a female!!



Damn! And I was doing so
well there for a while...



AN UPDATE OF A TYPICAL WESTERN MOVIE

Hey, there, Dance Hall Boy! What are you doing after the show??

Just because you own Dodge City don't mean you own ME, Blackie!

Oh, NO?! Who's woman enough around here to STOP me?!



I might be, Blackie!

It's the "MASKED PERSON"!

Quick! Get the men-folk and children off the streets!! There's gonna be a show-down!



A RE-MAKE OF A FAMOUS OLD JUNGLE EPIC

Okay, now let's see if you've learned what I've taught you!

Me ... "Tarzana"!

Her ... "Girl"!

You ... "Thing"!



Ha-ha-ha! No but that was close! It's you, "Tarzana"—Her, "Girl"—Me, "JAMES"!!

Me ... "Tarzana"!
Her ... "Girl"!
You ... "Thing"!



A NEW VERSION OF AN OLD DETECTIVE FILM

Ah, so! Honorable Detective Charlotte Chan will now try to solve another crime! If Number One Daughter will kindly open door, we shall meet suspects!

Gasharoony, Mom! This sure sounds like a lalapalooza of a case! I mean, considering all the legal ramifications—

Number One Daughter will kindly open door ... and SHUT MOUTH!



All suspects here could have killed victim in his living room! However, after having studied details of crime, I have concluded that only one person here is guilty! That person is—VICTIM'S WIFE—

AUGUSTA FREEMISH!!

Okay, Chan! You got me! I confess! I did it!!

Officers!

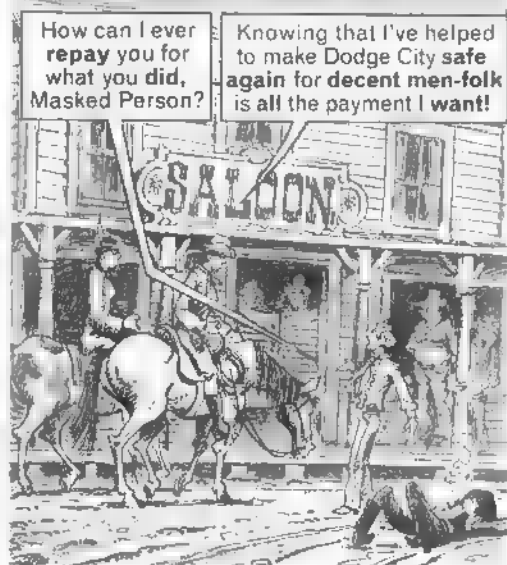
Please to take criminal away!





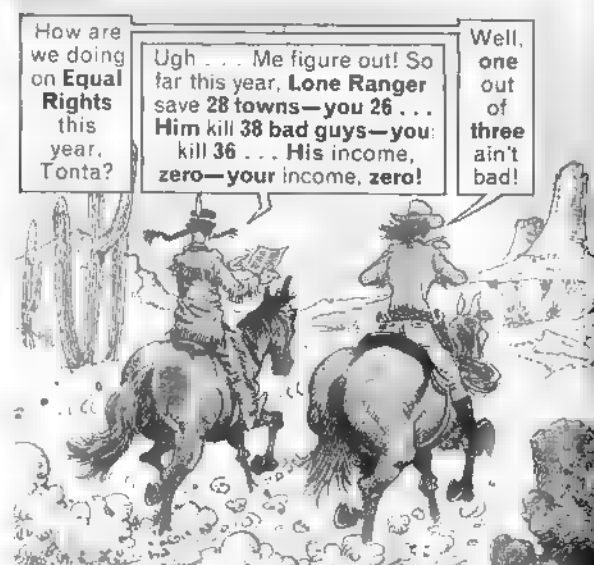
I'm makin' my move, stranger...

Oh-oh! You moved first... **ARRGHH!**



How can I ever repay you for what you did, Masked Person?

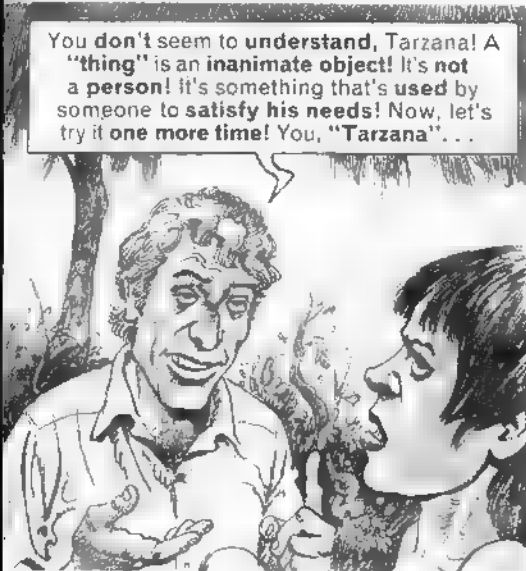
Knowing that I've helped to make Dodge City safe again for decent men-folk is all the payment I want!



How are we doing on **Equal Rights** this year, Tonta?

Ugh... Me figure out! So far this year, **Lone Ranger** save 28 towns—you 26... Him kill 38 bad guys—you kill 36... His income, zero—your income, zero!

Well, one out of three ain't bad!



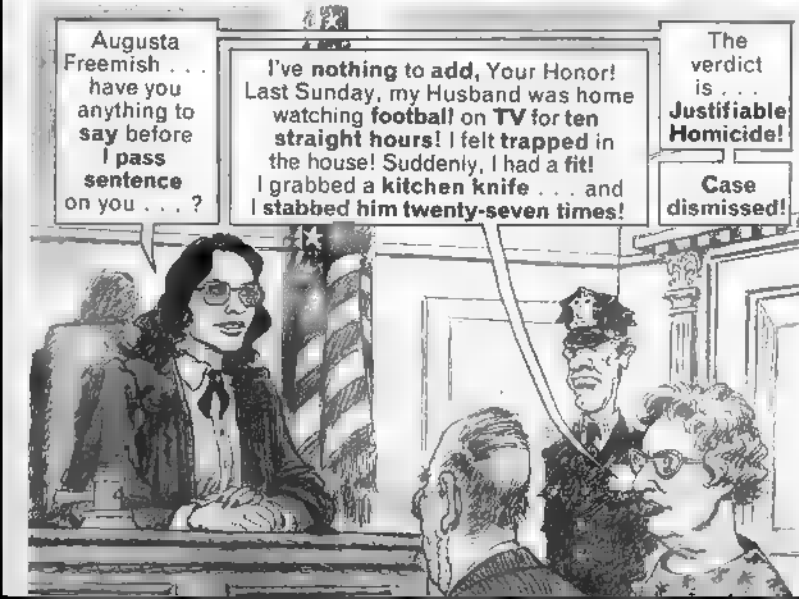
You don't seem to understand, Tarzana! A "thing" is an inanimate object! It's not a person! It's something that's used by someone to satisfy his needs! Now, let's try it one more time! You, "Tarzana"...



... Her... "Girl"! And me...



... "Thing"!



Augusta Freemish... have you anything to say before I pass sentence on you...?

I've nothing to add, Your Honor! Last Sunday, my Husband was home watching football on TV for ten straight hours! I felt trapped in the house! Suddenly, I had a fit! I grabbed a kitchen knife... and I stabbed him twenty-seven times!

The verdict is... **Justifiable Homicide!**

Case dismissed!



Crima-nelties, Mom! Wait till Pop hears about how you handled this case! Say, where **IS** Pop now, anyway?

Back home in living room! But before we return, I must make stop at store!

What for?? To pick up kitchen knife!

LATE ONE FINE AFTERNOON ON AN UPTOWN BUS

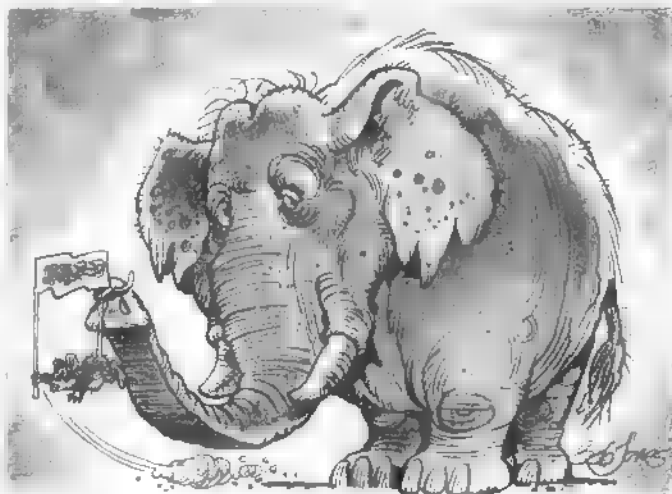




THE GIFT

ARTIST: BOB JONES

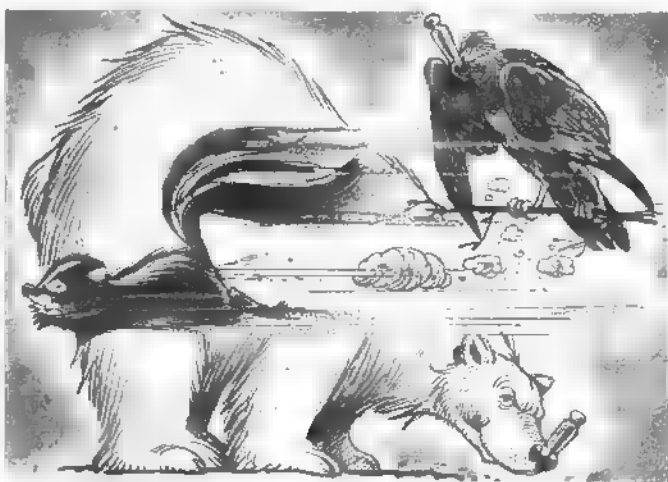
WRITER: FRANK JACOBS



*When Nature made the Elephant,
A gift she did bequeath—
A trunk which hangs down from the front
And picks up things beneath.*



*The Whale was blessed with tail and fin
For swimming through the seas;
The Walrus with great folds of skin
Providing anti-freeze.*



*The Polar Bear was colored white;
The Skunk was filled with gases;
The Hawk was blessed with wondrous sight
Without the aid of glasses.*



*Soft, silky fur was dealt the Seal,
The Kangaroo a pocket.
And to the sleek Electric Eel—
A built-in DC socket.*





MAD'S INGENIOUS PLAN FOR A MORE EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

WRITER: BARRY LIEBMANN



Candidates will not be allowed to receive campaign contributions from individuals or large corporations. However, they will be allowed to finance their campaigns by driving a cab or panhandling on the street.



Outside interests in large corporations, real estate ventures or the stock market will be forbidden to all politicians. However, they will be allowed to moonlight as garbage men, soda jerkers, gas station attendants or something equally suitable.



The President of the United States will receive a minimum wage (\$2.65 an hour) and, at the end of his term, will be "tipped" by the American Public. Tips will not be allowed to exceed \$5 per person (since that's too small to be considered a bribe).



The salaries of the President, his Cabinet members, and all members of Congress will not be raised in accordance with the rising cost of living, since it's their job to keep it down in the first place.



In order to prove their dedication to their job, all politicians will be forced to take a "vow of poverty" before entering office.



In order to speed up the Congress, a limit of 5,000 words will be placed on every speech, and a fine of \$10 per additional word will be imposed on any Congressman who goes over this reasonable limit.



Because Congressmen have a tendency to fall asleep while on the job, a Surprise Quiz will be given at the end of each daily session of Congress, and the results published.



A fine of \$50 (per word) will be charged to all candidates who use five-syllable words where a two-syllable word (or less) would do just as well.



Government agencies will no longer be allowed to spend tax dollars (for any reason whatsoever) without first having to ask permission from each and every taxpayer.



Any politician claiming to be "one of the common people" will be required to live among the "common people" in a slum neighborhood while serving his full term of office.



Expense allowances for Congressmen will not exceed \$149.50 per week. (If they can't manage THEIR budget, why should they be allowed to manage OURS?)



After the election, all candidates (winners OR losers) will personally have to eat all their posters, handbills, and stickers that haven't been removed by mid-December.



All political candidates will be obliged to draw up a contract explaining (in outline form) what they plan to do if elected. And at the end of their terms, they will be paid a flat fee for every promise that wasn't broken.



To avoid further hanky-panky on Capital Hill, all new Secretaries will be chosen by a Committee of Congressional Wives.



Congressmen, Governors, Mayors and Supreme Court Judges will not be given bodyguards or Secret Servicemen since it's their job to keep the streets safe to begin with.



When they retire, all politicians will receive the same type of pension that is given to the average school teacher, coal miner, auto worker, clerk, etc.

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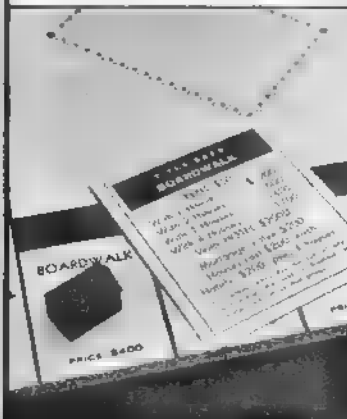
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THOU SHALT NOT
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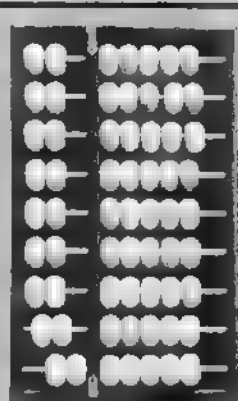


THOU SHALT NOT COVET
THY NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.

ELECTRONIC CALCULATORS
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UNDERRATED BOOK

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

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LIKE
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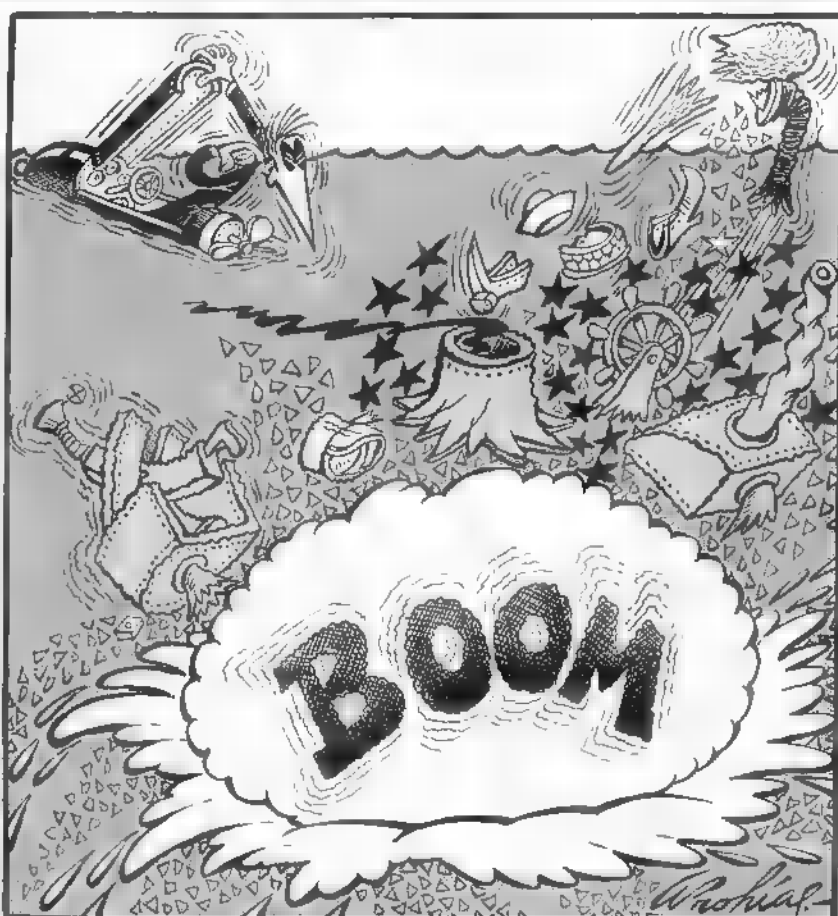
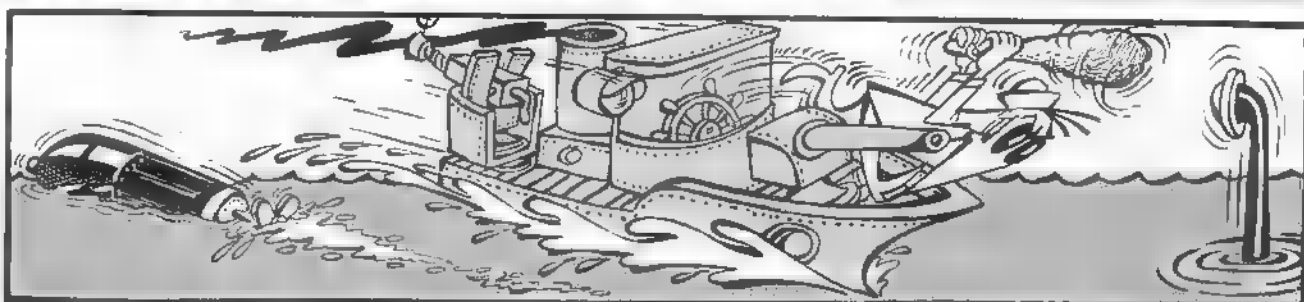
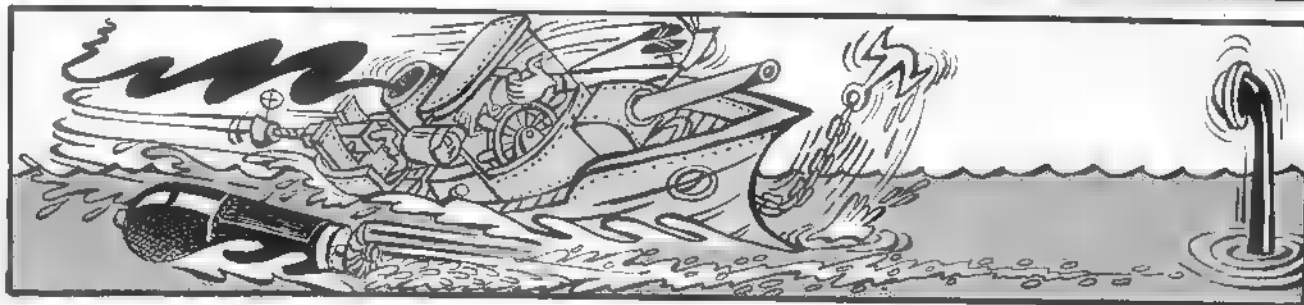
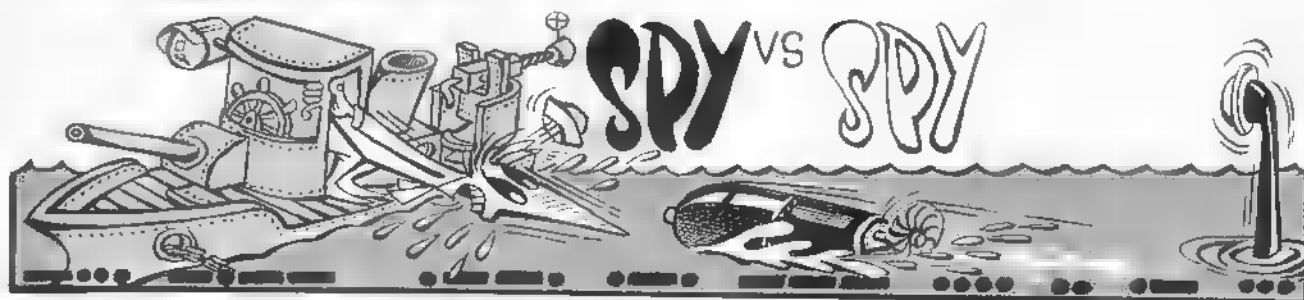


MR. SPOCK
is overrated



MR. SCOTT
is underrated





WARNING: CONTAINS CYCLE-MATES DEPT.

In real life, most cops spend their time writing tickets, busting bad guys, cooping, saying "perpetrator," and griping about their pay. But on a weekly hit TV series, the cops are different. They spend their time doing un-cop-like things, like giving advice and counseling, and getting involved with the people they're supposed to be arresting, and their victims. No . . . we're not talking about "Adam-12"! But it's the latest clone from that old show! We're talking about those two California Highway Mounted Psychologist-Social workers . . . better known by their popular acronym as . . .

"CHiMPs"



Okay . . . what happened here?

I was blinded by a brilliant light and I lost control of my car!

Hear that, Paunch! The Sarge TOLD you never to smile when you're riding your bike in the sunshine!

Sorry, Jarn, but I was admiring my reflection in the mirror!

See if anyone needs help!

Do we have any emergencies?? Anything exciting, like a truck carrying nuclear waste or some deadly gas? No . . . ?

Okay, are there any runaway teenagers that feel like rapping? No? Hmmm!

I know! Does anyone have to get to the hospital for a transfusion of a rare blood type??

Officer, I think my leg is broken!

Sorry, fella, but putting a splint on doesn't have much audience appeal! Anybody else with a problem?

I have to go to the bathroom! Can I borrow your helmet?



ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

WRITER: LOU SILVERSTONE

Hey, Paunch . . . !

Er—don't bother me now, Pardner! I'm giving First Aid to this lady in distress . . .

First Aid? But she wasn't even in the accident!

Mind your own business!

Jarn . . . this Barbie! She's a Truck Driver!

A TRUCK DRIVER?! I wish our WRITERS had half the imagination that our CASTING DIRECTOR has!!

Oh, this is my Daddy's rig! I had to take over the business when he was hurt in a very suspicious accident!

What do you mean . . . "suspicious"?

His truck EXPLODED!!



Maybe you're being paranoid! It was probably just his radial tires!

THAT'S what was so suspicious! The whole truck blew up EXCEPT for his radial tires!

Paunch! Look out! It's a FIRE BOMB!

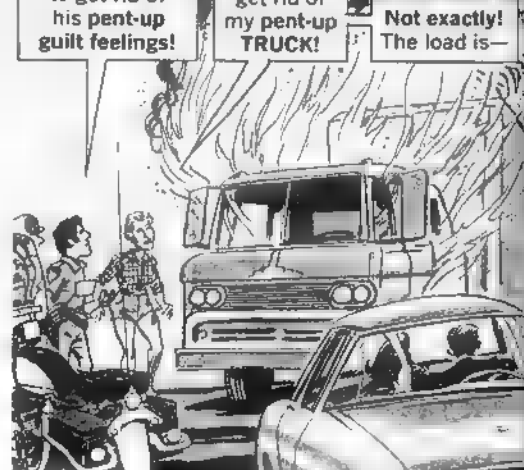
It looks more like somebody flipped his "BIC"!

In our non-violent time slot, THAT's a FIRE BOMB!

It was probably thrown by some poor dude trying to get rid of his pent-up guilt feelings!

He's also trying to get rid of my pent-up TRUCK!

Gee, are you carrying explosives? Not exactly! The load is—



... POPCORN ...

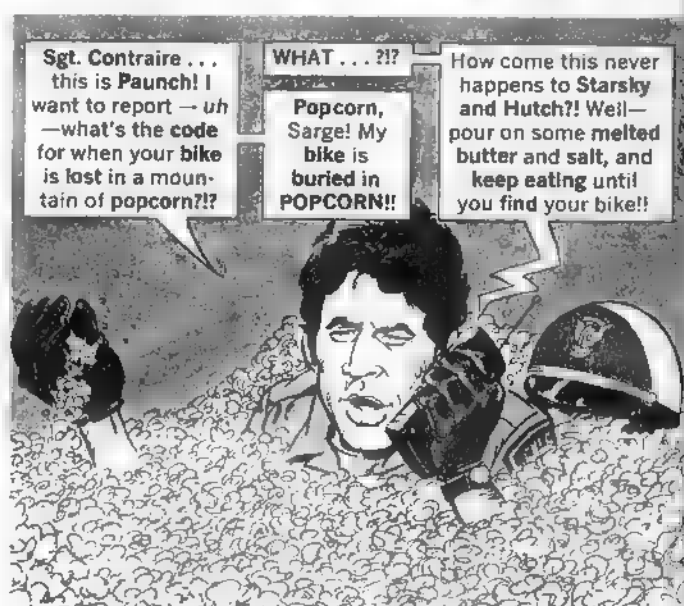
FOOOM!

Sgt. Contraire ... this is Paunch! I want to report — uh — what's the code for when your bike is lost in a mountain of popcorn?!?

WHAT ... ?!?

Popcorn, Sarge! My bike is buried in POPCORN!!

How come this never happens to Starsky and Hutch?! Well—pour on some melted butter and salt, and keep eating until you find your bike!!



Barbie, tell us! When did these alleged "suspicious accidents" start happening to your Daddy's trucks?

They began shortly after my Daddy refused an offer to buy his company! I ... I think there's a connection! I mean, we've had 7 trucks destroyed, our house has burned down, and my Daddy's mysteriously disappeared!

Barbie, how long have you had this feeling that people were out to get you? You can talk to us! We're friends!

What's this? A traffic jam—or an encounter session?!? Let's get these cars moving!!

Hey, Harlequin! Why wouldn't you come out on the Freeway to repair my bike?

I don't make "Road Calls"! And don't come in here until you've scrubbed up!





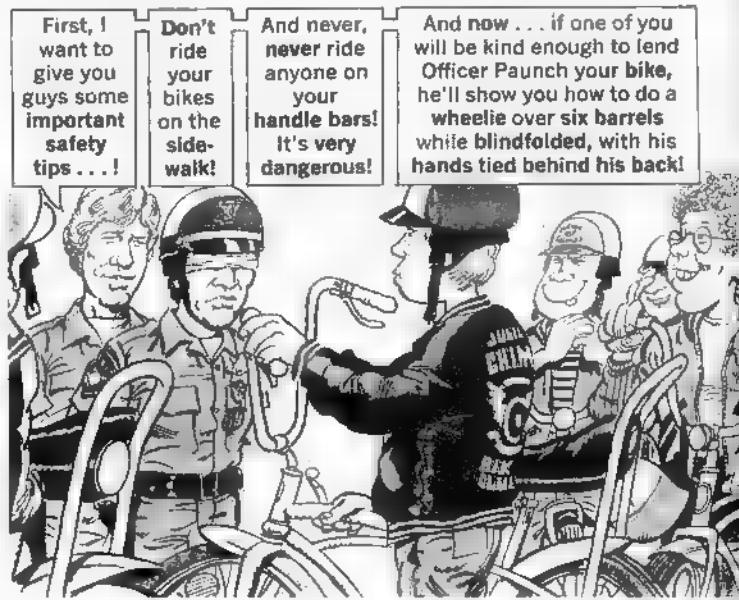
Screw driver!

Ratchet wrench!

Wire cutter ...

Can't you operate any faster?! I have to go to a meeting of the Junior CHIMPS Bike Club!

These things take time! Does anybody try to rush Dr. Welby???



First, I want to give you guys some important safety tips ... !

Don't ride your bikes on the side-walk!

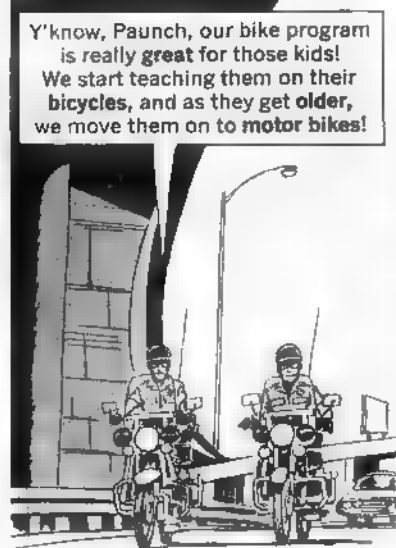
And never, never ride anyone on your handle bars! It's very dangerous!

And now ... if one of you will be kind enough to lend Officer Paunch your bike, he'll show you how to do a wheelie over six barrels while blindfolded, with his hands tied behind his back!



Hey ... are you sure Evel Knievel started like this?!

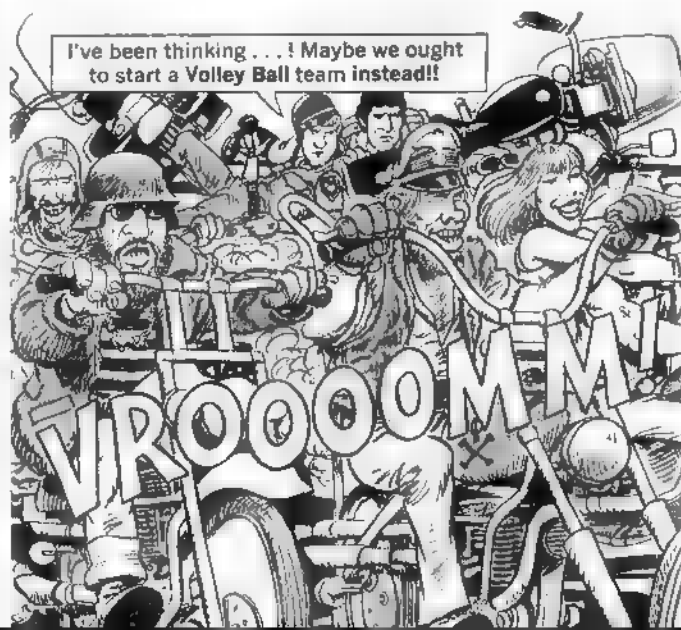
Wayyyy to go, Paunch!



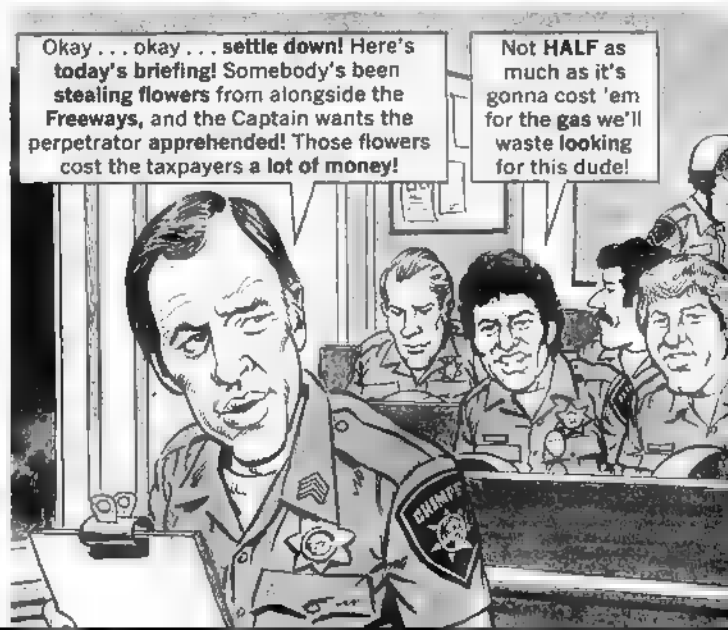
Y'know, Paunch, our bike program is really great for those kids! We start teaching them on their bicycles, and as they get older, we move them on to motor bikes!



Yeah ... and when they're big enough, they get their own MOTORCYCLES ... !!



I've been thinking ... ! Maybe we ought to start a Volley Ball team instead!!



Okay ... okay ... settle down! Here's today's briefing! Somebody's been stealing flowers from alongside the Freeways, and the Captain wants the perpetrator apprehended! Those flowers cost the taxpayers a lot of money!

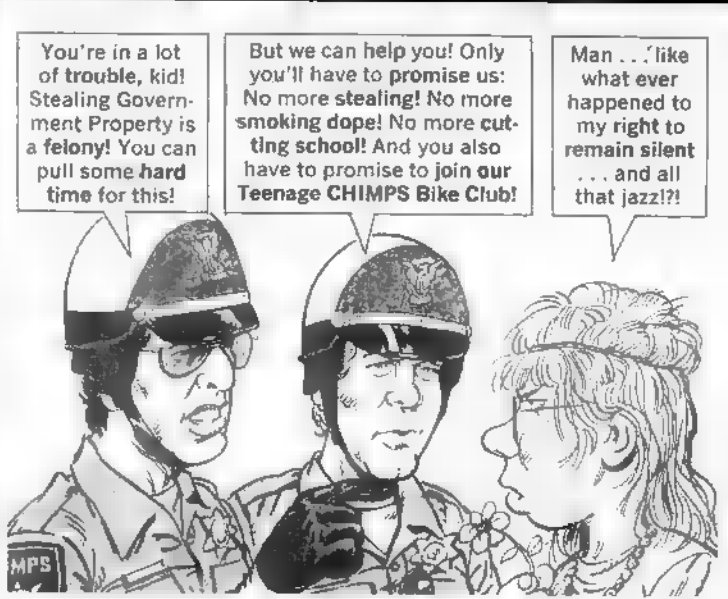
Not HALF as much as it's gonna cost 'em for the gas we'll waste looking for this dude!



How many miles of Freeways would you say there are in this area . . . ?

There's gotta be **THOUSANDS!** Our chances of spotting that guy actually picking flowers are maybe one in a million!

So how come we find him in **ONE PANEL???**



You're in a lot of trouble, kid! Stealing Government Property is a felony! You can pull some **hard** time for this!

But we can help you! Only you'll have to promise us: No more stealing! No more smoking dope! No more cutting school! And you also have to promise to join our Teenage **CHIMPS** Bike Club!

Man . . . like what ever happened to my right to remain silent . . . and all that jazz!?!

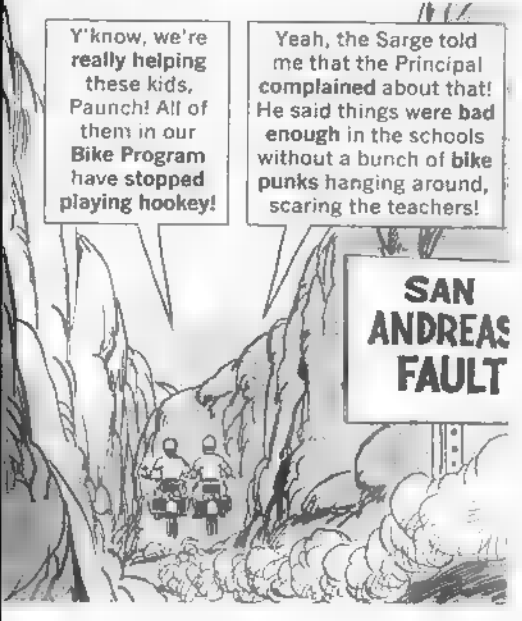


Okay, the obstacle course starts here! Get ready . . . go!!

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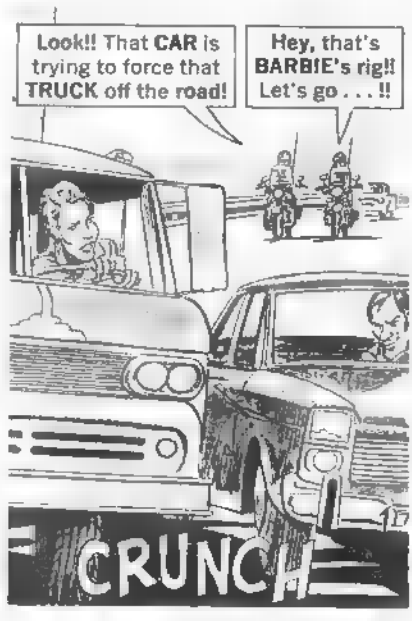
Man . . . do me a favor and put me in the slammer!



Y'know, we're really helping these kids, Paunch! All of them in our Bike Program have stopped playing hookey!

Yeah, the Sarge told me that the Principal complained about that! He said things were bad enough in the schools without a bunch of bike punks hanging around, scaring the teachers!

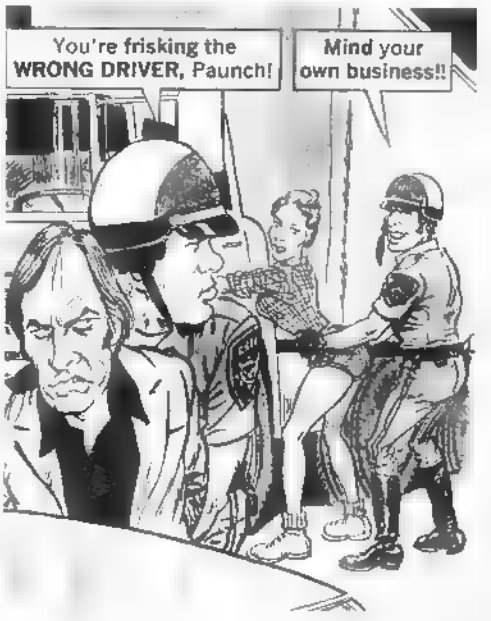
SAN ANDREAS FAULT



Look!! That **CAR** is trying to force that **TRUCK** off the road!

Hey, that's **BARBIE's** rig!! Let's go . . . !!

CRUNCH



You're frisking the **WRONG DRIVER, Paunch!**

Mind your own business!!

You're under arrest for attempted murder, reckless driving, and even worse, setting a bad safety example for our Bike Club members!

Jarn! Look what I found in this paper bag under the front seat!

I'll talk! I'll talk! I'll tell you everything! Only don't let anybody know what's in that paper bag!

Is it narcotics?

No... it's nothing but a peanut butter and jelly sandwich! So why all the fuss?

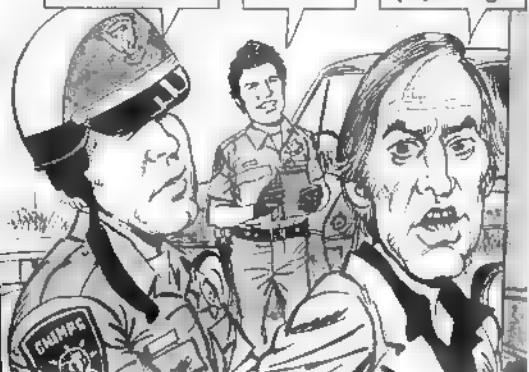
If the word ever got out that a Big Time Hit Man like me was brown bagging it, I'd be laughed out of the mob! It's this lousy inflation! Have you any idea what it costs to eat out these days?

I was hired by Mr. Bigg to scare her old man into selling his business! Once he sold, Mr. Bigg figured the other truckers'd sell and he'd control the industry!

Hey, that reminds me of a classic case history...

Was it Freud, ... or Dear Abby?

No, John Wayne ... and some cattle ranchers!



I guess you heard about it, Sarge? We busted the Hit Man who tried to knock off Barbie and her Old Man!

I didn't see you bring any prisoner!

Oh... we didn't arrest him! Not after he promised to join our Senior CHIMPS Bike Program!

I stopped by to remind you you're taking me to the Trucker's Disco tonight, Paunch!

Alllll right!! Say, how about getting dates for my buddies?

It's kinda short notice!

Just bring along some Truck Drivers like YOU ... right guys???

RIHHHHHT ON!!



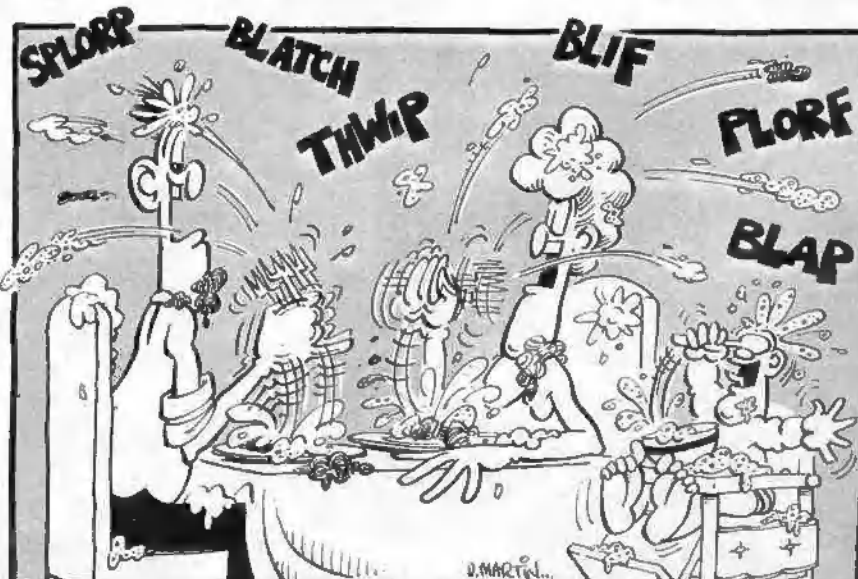
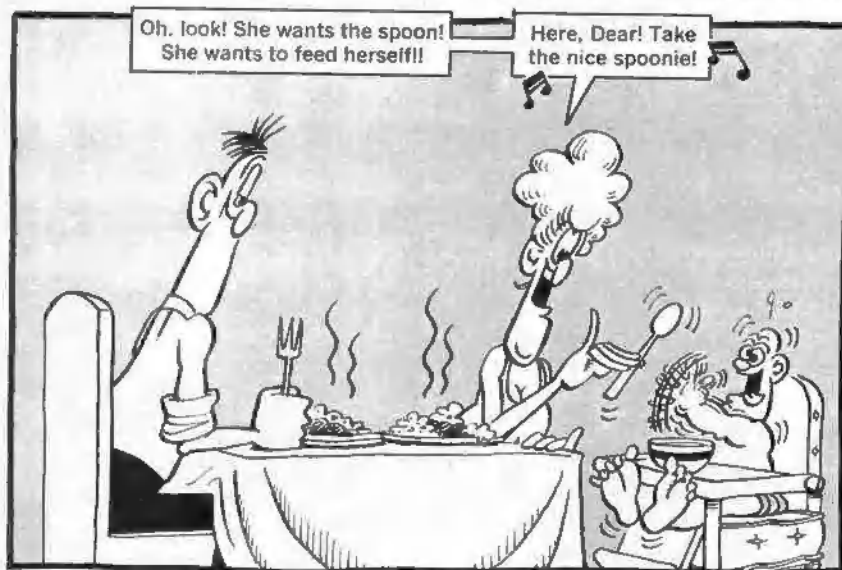
Paunch... I know you like to show off by doing your John Travolta bit! But from now on...

... we'll get our OWN dates!

I HATE touch dancing!!



ONE EVENING IN A NICE YOUNG COUPLE'S HOUSE



THE FOLD-IN FANATIC AWARD

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